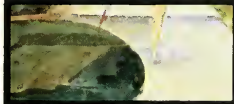


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Making friends at Disney World - Mickey and Freshman Cheryl Eklund from Barrington, RI, during the Winter Tour.

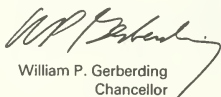
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The rehabilitation education program at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign enjoys an outstanding reputation. We are proud of this, and Delta Sigma Omicron deserves recognition for the important part it has played in the maintenance of this high quality.

Through Delta Sigma Omicron's contributions to education, service, and research, disabled students have been helped to realize their full potential. The efforts of Delta Sigma Omicron have aided countless students with physical disabilities to participate actively in campus life.

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The theme of the 1978 edition is "People." People are what make the university experience possible, coming to campus with diverse interests, disabilities, goals, and talents. In addition to recounting the year full of DSO activities, a series of "People" articles showcase a variety of attitudes, goals, successes, and memories created by the college experiences of disabled students and alumni. Thanks are due to all the people who gave us these responses, whether by letter or in person.

There is one more article that I had hoped to include — the reprint of the *People* magazine feature on Professor Nugent — but this was not available.

Special thanks to Nancy Stark for her enthusiasm and expertise in bringing the cover ideas to life. Finally, thank you to alumna, Sue Aldag, who first suggested the "People" theme in 1976.

Stephen Zumbo

Row 1 (L-R) Glenn Hebert, Lucy Hagan, Al Larson, Deborah Archer, Cheryl Eklund, Lerry Labiak, Lynne Mullen. Row 2: Martin Hayes, Pamela Heavens, Terry Hurst, Ellen Drewes, Janifer Axtell, Jeff Hatley, Hau Mei Wei, David Hunt. Row 3: Bob Trotter, Tom Weber, Debbie Dillon, Gunner Arlind, Don Morecraft, Matthew Gerrity, Don Schmidt, Eric Cook. Standing: Steve Macelroy, Kathy Oosterbaan, Mark Crosley, Ron Malik, Heidi Steinbrecher.



The Hunchback

by rick masten

*up there
you are a prince among gargoyles
and by comparison
i would seem mishapen*

*but in another chorus line
there are things
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that could get in the way
of any real communication*

*deformities
not yours
mine*

*i have an odd nature
that cannot pretend you don't
walk funny
when you do
that will not ignore the fact
your coat doesn't quite
fit
or that your left eye
has slipped a bit*

*and if you are unwilling
to suffer through the hells
of my disability
which is the need to talk to you
about yours
then we can never give each other
more than the time of day*

*with me
quasimoto
there is only one way to the tower
to the place
where we can ride the bells
together*

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T. J. Nugent receiving a check from 2 members of the Gateway Chapter, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Inc., Manchester, Missouri (St. Louis area) in support of men and women's wheelchair basketball tournaments.



Mrs. Susie Warren, Prof. Nugent's secretary.



Dr. Frank Maglione (below), supervisor of counseling services talking with a student.



Frank Maglione was featured in the News Gazette Newspaper during the American Cancer Society's annual appeal for funds. Frank serves the Champaign-Urbana area as a laryngectomy visitor and in the past year he has visited more than a dozen local individuals of the more than 3,000 laryngectomies performed in the U.S. each year. He visits at the request of the physician and he encourages the spouses of the new laryngectomees to speak with his wife, Rosemarie.

Frank makes a pre-operative visit just to let the patient know he'll see him after the operation. For the post-operative visit, he takes a kit furnished by The American Cancer Society which contains informational pamphlets and some supplies useful to laryngectomees, including a magic slate to allow easier communication, until speech is restored with the aid of a speech therapist. This visit is longer than the preoperative because the new laryngectomee usually has many questions, often concerning the stoma. This is the opening of the neck where the trachea (windpipe) is diverted when the larynx (voice box) is removed to prevent the spread of cancer. Because Dr. Maglione is a veteran at living with the stoma, (25 years), his answers come easily and with authority.

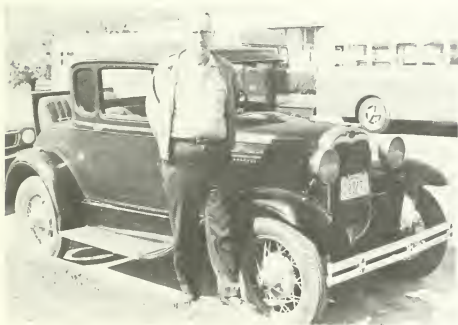
As a member of the state-wide Head-Neck Cancer Division of the Rehabilitation Service Committee, Frank helped compile a list of guidelines for cancer visitors, and served as narrator in a training film called "The Laryngectomy Visitor" which was produced under the auspices of the American Cancer Society.



"Casey" Clerke (above), Dean of the College of Applied Life Studies in front of the DAV Clubhouse, Lake Springfield, 1977, Tom Adams, right.



Official Bob Wright (above), former staff member, now Stadium Superintendent, with Joe Konitzki.



Bus driver (left), Buford Conover, with the 1930 Model A rumble seat coupe which he has completely restored.



Kathy Farrell (right)

TIMES REMEMBERED

by Bruce Aldendifer McDaniel

In June, 1949, I double-dated with Ron Smoot, a student in a wheelchair at the University of Illinois. We went bowling. Ron's winning smile and bowling ability made a big impression on me. I was unaware that this encounter was paving my way to the university I had always planned to attend. Two months later, I was in an iron lung with acute polio. Two years later, in a wheelchair myself, I joined Ron and a dozen or so others to begin my college career at the University of Illinois with my own class.

Tim Nugent shouldered all of our needs. He was the first person to look me right in the eye and say, "Bruce, you will never walk again." He may not recall that morning in our PGU "gym" (Editor's note: Parade Ground Units were surplus tar-paper army barracks moved to campus at the conclusion of World War II, which served as housing for thousands of students for many years, and also housed the Rehabilitation-Education Center for 18 years. Radio station WPGU was initially housed in one of these barracks) but I shall never forget it — from that moment on my life has been normal despite the wheelchair.

When Ron died, and this spring when my Father and Ron's father died, I lost three friends who never allowed lives to stop due to disability. To a fourth member of my "corp" — Tim Nugent — I pay a sincere tribute: Tim's dedication to rehabilitation is beyond comparison.

Our early years on campus produced camaraderie I have never known since. The guys drove me to and from classes, and my scorecard shows two roommates and one friend from LAR married to wheelchair fellows. Heaven knows how many romances were triggered by ride schedules for the wheelchair girls. Those were good days! Our highs were natural ones: parties, gabfests, romances, trips, and close interaction. They far offset the lows of constant frustration: pioneering to get inaccessible classes relocated, keeping a bus running (when it really belonged in a junkyard) so we could make a basketball date, and so on. The program grew naturally in an atmosphere of acceptance of disabled students in the dormitory, PGU barracks, in classrooms, and in the community that was beautiful. Or did our attitudes form the acceptance? Not one of us was bitter or hostile — we were happy and highly motivated.

Space prohibits recounting all I have done since graduation. I pioneered again in Germany, 1958-60. My first Sunday, in Augsburg, traffic stopped while I was getting out of my car. I was the featured attraction — and a living rehabilitation model as I traveled alone, grocery shopped, and entertained, showing that life in a wheelchair can be normal. In 1968-69, with my two small children, I did the same thing in Tehran, Iran, but against overwhelming



Bruce in her office at Purdue University.

odds. In both countries I never saw another person in a wheelchair on a street alone, nor did I ever see a modern wheelchair as we know them (this is changing now, of course).

Professionally I have been blessed, with exciting jobs ranging from urban renewal on the Monterey, California, peninsula to publishing scholarly books at my alma mater (the best university press in the country), to my current position at Purdue University: Technical Editor at the Institute for Interdisciplinary Research in the multimillion dollar A.A. Potter Engineering Center. Not only am I pioneering a new, challenging, exciting position of interdisciplinary writing, rewriting, editing, and administrating, but I am also, upon matriculation in grad school in the Fall, pioneering again in a Big Ten rehabilitation program. By happenstance, I may be the first female wheelchair student to receive a degree here.

Our family consists of Hilary, at fifteen a talented modern dancer and student; Derek, an athletic thirteen year old; Lady Taffeta, a year-old Golden Retriever; and Dix, a cat with his mistress's personality. A single parent, after divorce, I find life beginning again and feel as young and excited about the world around me as I did in the early 50's.

My message to everyone is to live fully each moment of your life, for each moment is precious in itself. I feel a debt to so many of my former classmates, colleagues, my children, my mother, Tim Nugent, and others, and this debt can only be repaid by doing what Tim geared us for so long ago: "minimize disability to maximize ability." It is an honor to have been the first woman in a wheelchair to graduate from the University of Illinois — was it only yesterday? Or was it really 1955?

DSO

Remembering that it is "ability and not disability" that counts has made Delta Sigma Omicron the fine organization it is today, and in my opinion this year was one of the most memorable ever. The DSO-sponsored wheelchair basketball teams, Gizz Kids and Ms Kids, both won national titles.

Committees such as public awareness, social, publications, finance, and various other committees provide the disabled student with experiences which prepare him/her for future service.

DSO is a constantly changing organization. Its effectiveness depends on the support and interest of the past and present members. Students recall many pleasant memories from their association with DSO and develop friendships that last a lifetime.

Best of luck to the newly elected officers and may your term in office provide you with many rewarding experiences.

Don Schmidt, 1978

DSO ACTIVITIES FOR 1977-78

HESEL PARK PICNIC	August 21, 1977
CAMPUS ORIENTATION FOR NEW STUDENTS	August 26, 1977
LAKE SPRINGFIELD PICNIC (SPONSORED BY DAV)	August 28, 1977
RAP SESSION WITH REPRESENTATIVES of ILLINOIS DVR	October 3, 1977
ANNUAL DSO AWARDS BANQUET	October 22, 1977
ILLISOTA - DSO SQUARE DANCE	November 1, 1977
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY (FOR HANDICAPPED CHILDREN)	December 18, 1977
DISABILITY AWARENESS PROGRAM FOR CLOTHING CLUB	March 29, 1978
WHEEL-A-THON, PICASSO SQUARE, CHICAGO	April 15, 1978
TOUR OF REHAB-EDUC CENTER FOR ILLISOTA AND PARENTS	April 16, 1978
HESEL PARK PICNIC	May 12, 1978



DSO Officers '77-78

Standing - Raymond Cheng, treasurer; Ron Malik, secretary; Kathy Oosterbaan, alumni representative. Seated Hua Mei Wei, vice president; Don Schmidt, president; Steve Zumbo, editor of SIGMA SIGNS and Jenifer Axtell, executive-at-large.

By Phyllis Smith

Dresses and suits replaced workaday clothing as students, parents, guests and staff assembled for the 28th annual DSO Banquet. After a welcome by Alpha Chapter president Don Schmidt and an invocation by Dr. Joseph Larsen, director of the School of Life Sciences and president of the Champaign, IL, Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, dinner was served. The Illini Union billed the menu as roast pork loin, sweet potatoes, broccoli, fruit salad, rolls and Mile-High Pie. (The latter meant that the vanilla ice cream was wearing an attractive meringue.)

Jill Smith and Lucy Hagan performed musical solos and a duet, "Singing in the Rain." Sharing toastmaster duties were alumni Donna and Michael Boddy, past DSO members, of Orland Park, IL.

Honorary life membership awards were presented to local DSO benefactors Russell Derby and Jeannette (Mrs. M.W.) Corkran. The bus drivers received service awards, the culmination of a grassroots effort by students to express gratitude for the drivers' consistent helpfulness, especially in adverse weather.

Glenn Hebert took the Timothy J. Nugent Award back to his Louisiana home. Harold Scharper Achievement Awards were presented to William K. Johnson, Healdsburg, CA., and Janet E. Little, Chicago. Johnson, while accepting, presented Director Nugent with a selection of the varietal wines produced on the family ranch. Miss Little responded by letter from Puerto Rico, where her travels as a corporate executive found her on banquet day.

Seniors Debbie Dillon and Bob Trotter received Harold Scharper Service Awards. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dillon, South Windsor, CT, and his mother, Mrs. Dorothy Trotter, Chicago, attended to share the moment. Applause for all winners demonstrated that they were regarded as having "lived most and served best."



Jill Smith (left) with her parents, Bill and Tillie.

Bob Trotter (right) recipient of the Harold Scharper Service Award, with his mother Mrs. Dorothy Trotter.



Banquet chairman Hua Mei Wei thanked her co-workers before the final entertainment. A musical ensemble — and haberdasher's nightmare — composed of Elizabeth Bowen, Jesse Dixon, Brad Hedrick, Sue Hagel, Bob Szyman, Mark Tark and Bob Trotter sang original lyrics detailing their feelings about modeling for the cover of "Sports 'n Spokes." The banquet ended with all singing "Hail to the Orange."



Singing their latest hit, "On the cover of Sports & Spokes" our own Medicine Show.



THE HAROLD SCHARPER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Harold Scharper Achievement Award is presented each year to the graduating senior or recent alumnus who has exhibited the greatest achievements, academically, physically, socially, in extracurricular functions and in professional endeavor during schooling at the University of Illinois or immediately upon the completion of schooling.

The individual selected for this award will receive a fitting desk or wall plaque which can be proudly displayed in the home, office, or place of business. The recipient's name will also be inscribed on the beautiful Harold Scharper Achievement Plaque which hangs in the University's Rehabilitation-Education Center. This large plaque will be maintained indefinitely with the name of each year's award winner inscribed upon it. It is the highest recognition that the University of Illinois and Delta Sigma Omicron, Incorporated, can bestow upon one of its physically disabled students. It is indeed an honor to the recipients and a great example to the many students who will follow in years to come.

JANET E. LITTLE

Prior to joining MED, Inc., Jan was the Assistant and later Associate Editor for the National Sporting Goods Association. This national trade organization had Jan helping to put out the **Sporting Goods Magazine**, and the **Merchandising/Ad Guide Magazine**. From 1968 to 1971 she was the Managing Editor for six trade publications for Alured Publishing Corporation, including **Manufacturing Confectioner's Magazine**, **Cosmetic Formulary**, and **McCutcheon's Detergents and Emulsifier's Guide**.

While an undergraduate in the College of Journalism and Communications, Jan served the causes of rehabilitation, of the University and of her fellow students in many capacities. She was alumni secretary and publications chairman of Delta Sigma Omicron, editor-in-chief of both the 1960 and 1961 **SIGMA SIGNS** yearbooks, and contributed immeasurably to the establishment and development of "The Spokesman." She served on numerous committees and still had time to be a member and captain of the Gizz Kids Wheelchair Co-ed Cheerleading Squad. Jan was also involved in wheelchair square dancing and co-ed bowling.

Jan served as a freshman advisor in the U. of I. Women's Residence Hall system, as a representative in the Women's Group System, as chairman of the governing board and later vice-president of Lincoln Avenue Residence Hall. She also served as chairman of the campus-wide Educational Films Program.

For her service to DSO she was awarded the 1960 Harold Scharper Service Award. She was also chosen one

of the top 100 senior activity leaders by the Illini Union and the U. of I. Alumni Association.

After receiving her B.S. in Journalism in 1961 and her M.S. in Journalism in 1965 following acceptance of her thesis, **A Study of the Portrayal of Physical Disabilities in Popular Magazine Fiction**.

Jan was on the 1962, 1964, 1965 and 1966 U.S. Wheelchair Track and Field Teams. In 1962 she participated in bowling and archery; in 1964 she participated in table tennis and swimming. She set records for her class in backstroke, breaststroke and free-style swimming events. This record setting pace was continued in the 1965 and 1966 games when she took first place medals in the backstroke, breaststroke and freestyle and second place medals in bowling and table tennis.

On the basis of her accomplishments as a student, a professional person and an athlete, Jan was selected to tour South Africa and Rhodesia for a month during the summer of 1962 with a group of 17 wheelchair athletes to demonstrate what the disabled can do if given the opportunity.

Jan is a member of the Board of Directors and former member of the Executive Committee of the National Paraplegia Foundation. As Editor she developed **Paraplegia Life**, a regular publication of the National Paraplegia Foundation, and continues to serve as a member of the editorial staff.

She was recently appointed a member of Congressman Teague's Advisory Committee on Equipment for the Handicapped.

Jan has been confined to a wheelchair since age 13, due to polio.



WILLIAM K. JOHNSON

Will completed his undergraduate degree at the University of Illinois, College of Commerce, with a major in Finance, and earned his Law degree at the University of Illinois in 1967.

As an undergraduate student, Will served as treasurer and president of Delta Sigma Omicron and as vice-chairperson of the Architectural Barriers Project of DSO. He contributed to the planning of two Scharper Banquets, served as house treasurer and house president in Forbes Residence Hall, and was chairperson of Forbes Area Co-ordination's Committee. He was honored by the University of Illinois' Alumni Association and the Illini Union as one of the top 100 students on campus for achievements and contributions in activities and academics. Will was the recipient of the Harold Scharper Service Award in 1965.

He was admitted to the practice of law before the California Bar in June, 1969, entered into private practice and was selected as Deputy County Counsel for the County of Sonoma. In the latter capacity he served as legal representative for various county boards and commissions and was the representative for all fire protection districts in the county.

In 1974 Will was elected to the Board of Supervisors of Sonoma County. He currently serves as a Director of the Golden Gate Bridge Highway and Transportation District, the governing body responsible for its upkeep and maintenance. He also serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the Northern Sonoma County Air Pollution District and is the County's representative on the North Coast Air Basin Coordinating Council.

In addition to his professional duties, Will maintains an interest in groups and organizations that are concerned with the physically disabled. He has been a member of the Local Board of Directors of the Sonoma County Easter Seal Society since 1969 and represented Sonoma County to the House of Delegates of the California Easter Seal Society since 1970. In 1971 he was elected to the Board of Directors of the California Easter Seal Society and elected to the House of Delegates of the National Easter Seal Society. Will is currently serving as the Advocacy Committee Chairperson for the State Easter Seal Society and is on the Volunteer Committee for the National Society. Will was elected to the Board of Governors of the California Association of the Physically Handicapped in 1972; he sought and obtained legislation to require the removal of architectural barriers in all public and private buildings. He also served as chairperson of the Transportation Committee for that association and was instrumental in founding the Sonoma County Chapter of CAPH in 1974.

He has been active in a local recreation program for the disabled which originated at Sonoma State College (that program was transferred to the local Junior College of Santa Rosa) and in 1975 this program resulted in the formation of a wheelchair basketball team which was admitted to the Northern California Wheelchair Basketball Conference under the name of the Santa Rosa JC Wheelers. He continues to participate on that team.



Deen Kenneth "Casey" Clarke presents Will Johnson with the Harold Scharper Achievement Award.

Along with his brothers, Will owns and operates a ranch under the corporate name of Rancho Sotoyome, Inc. In November, 1975, the Corporation opened its own winery under the name of Johnson's Alexander Valley Winery, producing fine varietal wines grown exclusively on their ranch near Healdsburg.

Will became a quadriplegic when his spinal cord was severed at the level of the sixth cervical vertebra in a diving accident June 17, 1959.



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DEBBIE A. DILLON

Debbie is a senior in the College of Applied Life Studies, majoring in School Health Education, with a cumulative grade point average of 4.19 (A=5).

She has given most unselfishly and generously of her time, energy and talent in service to Delta Sigma Omicron (DSO) and other facets of the Rehabilitation-Education Program. When there is a DSO sponsored activity, Debbie is there, whether it be a tailgate party on a rainy Saturday or the Valentine Party for the people at Americana Nursing Home during a heavy snow. On numerous occasions she has worked into the night on such projects as the Annual Awards Banquet and **SIGMA SIGNS**.

Debbie has proven to be one of the most persevering and reliable workers in DSO, having served as Executive-at-Large as a freshman in 1974-75 and as Secretary during



Honorary Lifetime DSO member Ross Derby and his wife Mary at the 1977 Banquet.



Debbie Dillon receives her Harold Scharper Service Award from Dr. W. H. Creswell, Head of Department of Health Education.

her sophomore year in 1975-76. As a sophomore she was Assistant Editor of the 1975-76 **SIGMA SIGNS** and in her junior year she was Editor-in-Chief of the 1976-77 edition, one of the best in its history.

For the past four years she has been a member of the Dean's University Rehabilitation Advisory Committee and was recently appointed to the Campus Committee for the Handicapped.

This year will mark the fourth year of competition for Debbie as a member of the University of Illinois Ms. Kids Wheelchair Basketball Team. She was the Ms. Kids' captain for the 1976-77 season. She has been a member of the U.S. Paralympic Team, competing successfully for two years as a member of the U.S. Women's Wheelchair Basketball Team, and in track and field, specializing in the 100, 220, 60 yard dashes; the 60 meter dash and 4x60 yard relay team; the discus, shot put and javelin; and darts, archery, table tennis and the slalom. She has distinguished herself in winning 7 gold, 11 silver and 5 bronze medals. One of the gold medals was in the pentathlon.

Active in 4-H activities for many years, she was an achievement winner and was appointed as delegate to the National 4-H Congress prior to coming to the University. She continues to spend her summers working in 4-H as a counselor at Camp Harkness.

In her quiet, warm manner Debbie gets the job done and done well. She adds dignity to the long list of distinguished recipients of the Harold Scharper Service Award.

Debbie became a C6-7 quadriplegic due to a spinal cord injury at age 15, the result of a sledding accident.

ROBERT E. TROTTER

Bob is a senior in the College of Applied Life Studies, Department of Leisure Studies, majoring in Therapeutic Recreation with a cumulative grade point average of 3.48 (A=5).

Keenly and genuinely interested in the welfare of people, Bob has always been supportive of any project or task that serves to benefit others. His infectious spirit and enthusiasm radiate throughout the Center and other Campus settings. His friends in Forbes Residence Hall, in tribute to the kind of person Bob is, make up a loud cheering section at the Gizz Kids' basketball games. He currently serves as a resident adviser in Forbes Hall.



Bob Trotter addressing the banquet guests after receiving his Harold Scharper Service Award.

Bob has been a faithful member and leader in Delta Sigma Omicron (DSO). He has entertained at three DSO Awards Banquets, was chairperson of the Booster Campaign, and served as president during the 1976-77 school year. He starred in and sang the hit song of the play, "The Side Show," a unique play exploring society's attitudes toward disability and attitudes of the disabled toward society in an irreverent, satirical, humorous light.

The Gizz Kids recognized his leadership by electing him captain of the Gizz Kids Wheelchair Basketball Team for the 1975-76 and 1976-77 seasons. Prior to coming to the University of Illinois and while a student at Chicago Central YMCA Junior College, Bob was a pioneering member and team captain of the Chicago Pacemakers Wheelchair Basketball Team for two years. He has been a stand-out performer for the Blue Wheelchair Football Team. When his team isn't playing, he very cleverly and effectively serves as announcer at the games.

Bob has served as the Boy's Club leader of the Chicago Lawson YMCA for two years, and has held varied positions at the YMCA Camp Channing (Pullman, Michigan) for the last six years; this past summer he was Associate Director of the camp.

Bob has also given of his time as a woodworking instructor for mentally retarded adults for the Champaign Park District and as Boy Scout Leader for mentally handicapped Cub Scouts at Marquette School.

Bob's lower extremities are extensively paralyzed as a result of polio at age nine months.

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THE T. J. NUGENT AWARD

Seven years ago the student members of Delta Sigma Omicron, Alpha Chapter, established an award to honor Professor Timothy J. Nugent, Founder and Director of the Rehabilitation-Education Center on the University of Illinois Campus.

His philosophy is "it is a person's ability and not his/her disability that counts." The word ability as defined here does not relate only to physical prowess but encompasses the broader meaning of being able to improve one's life and the lives of those around him/her by the process of human interaction. The decision as to the recipient of this award is based on the following attributes: personal integrity, human dignity, intellectual endeavor, pride in self, and concern for others. This year's Executive Board of Delta Sigma Omicron chose Glenn Hebert to receive this award.

Glenn is a student in the Graduate College majoring in Geology, with a 4.57 grade point average.

Before coming to the University of Illinois, he was elected to 4 honor societies at the University of New Orleans (Phi Eta Sigma, Alpha Theta Epsilon, Omicron Delta Kappa and Sigma Gamma Epsilon), serving as Chapter President of Phi Eta Sigma. While at the University of New Orleans, he was a leader in getting the administration to make the university more accessible to the disabled by installing ramps, a much needed sidewalk along a busy avenue, and accessible bathrooms.

During his first year on the University of Illinois campus, Glenn met the challenge of living on his own for the first time without an attendant.

Glenn was drafted by the Gold wheelchair football team and is the number one fan of the Gizz Kids and the Ms. Kids.

During the academic year '75-'76 Glenn played a character called "The Great Spazmo" in "The Side



Debbie Dillon, Kathy Oosterbaan, Hua Mei Wei showing off the rose center pieces.

Show," a unique play exploring society's attitudes to disability and disabled people's attitudes to society in an irreverent, satirical, and humorous light.

Glenn helped edit '75-'76 SIGMA SIGNS. He was elected Alumni Secretary of DSO for '76-'77, and served as Alumni Editor for SIGMA SIGNS. He served as Awards Chairperson for the 1976 and 1977 Awards Banquets. He has participated in the DSO Awareness Programs and the Architectural Barriers Committee for the past two years. He is a resident of Weston Hall and has served as Vice-President of his floor and member of the student Judicial Board in Fall, 1975.

Glenn's disability is athetoid cerebral palsy. As recipient of the award he receives \$50.00 to be donated to his favorite program, cause, or charity. Because of the very positive influence it had on his life at an early age, he has chosen the United Cerebral Palsy Center of Greater New Orleans to receive the money. This clinic provides a variety of therapeutic, social and diagnostic services to victims of cerebral palsy of all ages in the Greater New Orleans area.

The 1978 DSO Awards Banquet will be held on Saturday, October 21, 1978, at the Illini Union after the Purdue University football game. Reservations may be sent to room 130 Rehabilitation Education Center.

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WHEEL-A-THON

The National Paraplegia Foundation (NPF) Chicago Chapter, along with all chapters across the country, held its 1st Annual Wheel-A-Thon on Saturday, April 15, 1978 at the Civic Center, Chicago. The purposes of the Wheel-A-Thon are:

1) to raise money for NPF's programs of research and care for spinal cord injury.

2) to raise public consciousness of such injury, and other disabilities.

3) to demonstrate what people with spinal cord injuries can do.

DSO was invited by Executive Director of NPF, Jim Smittkamp, to perform sports and wheelchair use demonstrations. NPF members, Gizz Kids, and anyone else who wished, pushed their wheelchairs around the base of the famous Picasso sculpture. Each participant had solicited from sponsors for each lap completed. Dick McCauley, of the Schwab Rehabilitation Hospital and NPF board member, even climbed into a wheelchair and completed many laps.



Terry Hurst "waves to his corner" during the square dance exhibition. His wife, Lynne Mullen, is on his right, facing Sharon Rahn and Brad Hedrick.

The Gizz Kids performed lively "audience participation" wheelchair square dancing. Ron Malik and Terry Hurst gave the crowd and passersby a show of wheelchair jousting: balancing the wheelchair on its rear wheels and trying to knock your opponent over without being flipped yourself. More importantly, several of the Gizz Kids used a "ramp-plus-steps" platform to show the skills needed in negotiating both types of architecture. Gusty winds forced cancellation of an archery exhibition.



Lucy Hegen, sophomore from Ft. Wayne, Indiana singing an original composition while Frank Brasile holds the mike.

Lucy Hagan of the Gizz Kids added a special touch, singing two of her own compositions titled "Illusions" and "Treasures," while accompanying herself on the ukelele. Her stage was the ramp of a van that Jan Little, a U of I alumna, used as her vantage point while emceeing the afternoon's activities.

Jan introduced other special guests, such as James S. Jeffers, Director of Illinois Division of Vocational Rehabilitation. Mr. Jeffers spoke of the Disabled Individuals Assistance Line, (DIAL) a new information referral service. Also present was Don Olsen, a past president of NPF.

The Looking Glass Theater Mime Players, dressed as clowns, added their brand of friendliness to the day, as well as keeping record of laps made by the participants. An ABC-TV film crew captured some of the action, so Chicagoans could see as well as hear about the Wheel-a-thon.

It is hoped that this will truly become an annual event throughout the nation. A 1979 DSO Wheel-a-thon is planned at the U of I on Mom's weekend.



Alumna Jan Little announces the entrance of Congressman Russo and cohort into the Wheel-A-Thon.

PEOPLE

Don Behle

Donald Behle entered the University of Illinois in the Fall of 1974 after graduation from Elkhart Community High School, Elkhart, IL. He made the Dean's List both semesters in the College of Agriculture. On July 9, 1975, Don was injured in a grain auger accident which resulted in a below the knee left leg amputation. He missed one semester and reentered Spring Semester 1976.

Coach Frank Brasile recruited Don for the basketball team and he joined the Gizz Kids at mid-season. Manipulating the wheelchair during the games was the new recruit's most frustrating task. His past experience with high school basketball was obvious from his ball handling skills but there was some adjustment switching to wheelchair basketball. "In regular basketball you can use your whole body to put up the shot, but not in wheelchair basketball. You have to really put it UP to put it in."

He was recognized as the Most Improved Player at the close of the 75-76 season. In the 76-77 season, Bob Trotter led the team in scoring with a total of 246 points while Don was second with 219 points. Behle led the scoring in the Midwest Conference 1977-78 season, with 201 points overall and was awarded the honor of Gizz Kids Most Valuable Player. He compiled an outstanding record in wheelchair basketball and was on the Dean's List every semester. At the same time, his stump was healing slowly and required numerous hospitalizations and several surgical procedures.

Don "Beetle" Behle is a member of Kappa Delta Rho Fraternity, 1110 S. Second St. where he lived during his years on campus. He graduated in Agriculture Economics with high honors and received the Avery Brundage Scholarship that is awarded to University of Illinois students "who are both gifted students and exceptional athletes, for their combined physical and mental development."



Frank Brasile, Gizz Kid's Coach, had this to say about the graduating senior, "Don Behle is a coaches dream. His unselfishness, dedication, hustle, and leadership combined with his cool temperament make him one of the select players in the game today."



Don's parents are Joan and Eldon Behle of Elkhart, IL. He has one sister, Charlotte Behle Johnson, an alumna of University of Illinois with a degree in Animal Science and a younger brother Bob, entering his junior year in the College of Agriculture at the U of I.

Behle plans to enter law school and continue playing wheelchair basketball.



Assistant Coach of the Gizz Kids, Diantha "Pinky" Hawkes, in a pep talk with Don.



Amateur photographer Bob Crandall.

It was not your average Sunday afternoon touch football game on the schools grounds or the intramural field. It was during a game of "combat football" in Korea, May 6, 1975, when Infantryman Robert S. Crandall tried to tackle a player with the ball. The impact of his head in the man's stomach came a second before Bob expected to turn his head and catch the ball carrier with his shoulder. Bob felt an electrical flashing sensation in his body, then a numbing sensation and he knew immediately what had happened. He had fallen backward, looked up to the player standing over him and said, "I'm hurt."

There were several occurrences that day in Korea that were mighty important to Bob's future. The Army Medic who was the first person on the scene was a Viet Nam veteran who realized that there was spinal cord damage and would allow no one, including a Korean M.D. who wanted Bob to sit up, to move the injured player. A lieutenant had just been air lifted by helicopter from the playing field because of a broken nose. The copter was ten minutes away and was radioed to return to the playing field for Bob. The only neurosurgeon in Korea happened to be on duty in the emergency room at the 121st Medical Evacuation Hospital in Seoul when Bob arrived. The surgeon performed an emergency decompression and a bone graft from Cervical 4 to Cervical 6 of the spinal column.

The knowledgeable handling and moving after injury, quick transport to a trauma center, and a skilled surgeon, result in a more favorable prognosis for the spinal cord injured person.

Robert Stanley Crandall is the youngest offspring of Major Austin Roy (U.S. Army Ret.) and Barbara Ham Crandall of Browns Mill, N.J. There is an older brother, Art, a University of Illinois graduate in Industrial Engineering who works with International Harvester, Libertyville, IL. Bob has an older sister "Birdie," a Northwestern University graduate with a masters in math, who is presently a housewife and part-time teacher in Wilmette, IL.

Crandall had been accepted at U of I for Fall of '67 after graduation from Principia Upper School, St. Louis, MO. In the days before the volunteer army, even before the lottery draft, there were uncertainties being a high school grad and male at the height of the Viet Nam War. This convinced Bob to enlist for 3 years in the U.S. Army, Special Forces instead of attending college. He trained at Fort Dix, NJ, Fort Gordon and Fort Benning, GA, and Fort Bragg, NC, before serving in Viet Nam for 21 months.

The shock of returning from soldiering in the jungles to the student scene on a turbulent Champaign-Urbana campus in 1970, left him feeling ill at ease. Also, he felt out of place in aero engineering at a time when the aerospace industry was making big layoffs. He did well the first semester; he did not do well the second semester.

Next came a sorting out time, a girl friend, living on the beach, experimenting with drugs, and political science courses at Grossmont College, El Cajon, CA. He quit school, hitchhiked around the country, took odd jobs, went to Alaska and worked the commercial ocean fishing boats - salmon in summer and crab in winter.

He came back to the Chicago area in the Spring of '74 and decided to reenlist in the U.S. Army, which lead to an assignment in Korea and "combat football."

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Marta and Bob with their 2 German Shepherds.

After several weeks in Seoul, he was transferred to Walter Reed Medical Center, Washington, D.C. One month later he was transferred to the Spinal Cord Unit, Hines VA Hospital, Hines, IL, with Cervical 6 innervation intact, below that, paralysis. He was retired from active duty in U.S. Army with rank of Staff Sergeant with 100% service connected disability.

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While a patient at Hines Hospital he met Marta McGovern; although, she was not Bob's therapist, they started joking and kidding with each other about going back out west together. Marta McGovern grew up in Montana, graduating from Montana State University in 1972 and Northwestern University School of Physical Therapy in 1974. Their first date was to the Brookfield Zoo. Bob was a confirmed bachelor and coping with life in a wheelchair made him feel unattractive. He wondered whether a woman would want to go out with a man in a wheelchair. They continued to date on weekends.

Bob pressured himself daily, demanding his injured body to become stronger each day. He wanted to return to the University of Illinois as soon as possible and concentrate on doing well in mechanical engineering. Marta and Bob started talking about coming to Champaign-Urbana together "with no strings attached." At this point in rehabilitation, both were concerned about how much of what he felt for Marta was affection and how much was dependency.

Marta quit her job and they took an apartment in Champaign. They were married May 29, 1976. Bob has done well, maintaining a 4.5 accumulative average since returning to campus.

January 1978, Bob, with Marta's encouragement, decided that it would be good for him to go out for wheelchair track. Track practice was 2 hours, 5 days per week, with a half-hour getting ready and a half-hour getting out. In the evenings he was tired and had less time to study but he gained physical strength and pride in his accomplishment. The Regional W/C Games were held in Champaign-Urbana the weekend before Finals Week and he qualified for the 22nd National Wheelchair Games in Fishersville, VA. He won a gold medal on the mixed Relay team, 4 x 60, with Deborah Dillon, Brian Weber and Jack Whitman.

Three years have passed since that combat football game in Korea. Bob looks at all the progress he has made in rehabilitation, his achievement in engineering courses, and his success in wheelchair track and says he is beginning to feel like a whole person again.



Stephen Parker is a senior in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, majoring in Spanish, minoring in Portuguese and Business. His parents are the Rev. Jack and Marian Parker, Deerfield, Illinois.

This past year Steve participated in the Year Abroad Program in Spain (YAPS) along with 26 other University of Illinois students, and 100 from the university system of California. The entire group spent the first week in Madrid with a professor from the University of Barcelona who lectured on architecture as they toured the city. The next four weeks the group stayed in the northern city of San Sebastian for orientation lectures covering literature, history, and grammar. Housing was arranged for them with families and widows.

The group divided for the university year, with half returning to Madrid and the other half to Barcelona. Steve was assigned to Central University Campus of Barcelona, where the predominant language spoken is Catalan rather than Spanish. He recommends the YAPS to anyone who can afford it and can fit the experience into his/her curriculum.

During Christmas vacation he met Mike Busboom in Italy. Mike is from Gifford, IL, the U of I, and has studied for the past two years in Europe. For the 1976-77 year he was in Austria as part of the Baden Exchange Program and during the 1977-78 year at University of Vienna. Mike is preparing himself for a career as a simultaneous interpreter in English-German and German-English and also as a translator working with German, English and Spanish. They spent the holiday together traveling through Germany and Austria.

Over spring break, Steve and another YAPS student traveled the major cities of Portugal. His parents, from Deerfield, arrived in Spain in May and again Steve toured Madrid.

Steve played violin in the Deerfield High School Orchestra for 3 years and has played in the University Civic Orchestra for two years. He auditioned for a solo position with the North Shore Philharmonic and performed in 1972. Several times he played solos at the Chicago Conservatory of Music and has auditioned for the Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

Steve studied violin 8 years under James R. Hansen, a member of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. Steve reads braille music and commits to memory his pieces. He also memorizes by ear. His father is rector of St. Gregory's Episcopal Church, Deerfield, and Steve often plays in the church services. This past year in Spain he attended an Episcopal Church in Barcelona where he played his violin.

One of his major interests is amateur radio and he belongs to the University Radio Club. He uses the Club station facilities on campus as a ham operator.

Stephen's blindness is a result of retinoblastoma (a malignancy of both eyes).

Mike Busboom is also blind (retrolental fibroplasia).



Steve working as a receptionist at the Rehabilitation-Education Center business office. He is using a PMI Light Indicator for answering the telephone switchboard.



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PEOPLE

Ray Cheng

Raymond Sheng-Chieh Cheng is a junior in Engineering Physics at the University of Illinois. At New Trier High School, Winnetka, IL, where his favorite subject was math, he competed in the National High School Math Examination every year and made the Illinois Honor Roll for three years. During Ray's senior year of high school he took his math courses at Northwestern University, and achieved perfect scores in the SAT math (800) and the ACT math (36). He has taken the Putnam National College Math Examination and ranks among the top 500 math students in the United States and among the top five at the U of I. Next year, Ray hopes to be a designated member of the math team, which is an elite group of mathematically talented undergraduate students who write the Putnam Exam.

Ray is one of the few persons on campus with an extensive hearing impairment. He receives significant benefit from his Oticon BICROS hearing aid which compensates for a severe loss in the speech ranges of the hearing capability in both ears. In his earlier years Ray received speech and language training from various specialists. His family tried to dissuade him from attending the U of I, favoring a smaller campus; however, his special needs have proven to be minimal. He has a special alarm clock system that triggers a vibrator under his pillow that awakens him. In class, Ray asks the professor to speak distinctly and in his direction whenever possible.

During high school years, he was a member of the Chess Team. They were state champions in 1975, taking second place in 1976. He has played the clarinet since fourth grade and is a member of the U of I Second Concert Band. He enjoys competitive as well as recreational table tennis and plays most of the top players on campus, stating, "that's how you get better." Ray was appointed DSO Treasurer, Spring Semester 1978, when Eric Cook, the elected Treasurer, did not return to campus. Ray was elected to serve for the 1978-79 school year.

During the summer of '78, Raymond, Pam Rotman, and Sheila Ritter from the U of I were selected by the U. S. Navy to work at Bethesda Naval Station. Three hundred handicapped students at 23 universities across the U. S. were interviewed by the U. S. Navy for 25 positions. Pam, who is totally blind, is entering her 3rd years in law school and worked as a personnel specialist. Sheila, quadriplegic, a grad student in Agriculture Finance assisted in the Finance Department of the Structures Division. Using his math and physics background, Ray assisted in forming equations to save computer costs for underwater cable monitoring systems. Ray and Sheila had G-S 4 ratings, Pam G-S 5. They lived in dormitories at Gallaudet College and car pooled to the Naval Station each day.

In the future, Ray wants to go to graduate school. He has found the U of I harder than expected but is meeting the challenge, maintaining a 4.2 GPA.

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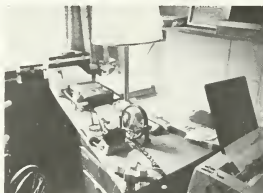
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PEOPLE



Figure 1 - Headpiece



Glenn's Desk



Figure 2 - Changing tapes.

We often hear people speak of conformity and what may be good about it or, probably more often, what is bad about it. But do people, even those who have given thought to the matter, sufficiently realize the depths of human life to which conformity reaches? I'm not certain they do, and I'm sure that I didn't realize this until three years ago.

At that time I was finishing up my studies for a B.S. degree at a southern university and was trying to select the best place to continue my education at the graduate level. A visit to the Rehabilitation Education Center at the University of Illinois made up my mind. After consulting with Mr. Konitzki (Associate Director) and Mr. Chuck Elmer (Physical Therapist), I was convinced that even though I have a severe case of Cerebral Palsy, which limits the use of my hands, confines me to travel via a wheelchair, and impedes both speech and overall physical motion, it was possible for me to do many everyday tasks performed by most people. The key was not to worry so much about conforming to the ways in which these problems are normally solved, but to think up new solutions (that I could put into practice) to tasks which have had their solutions passed down from generation to generation.

Pictured are a few of the devices either I or others around me have invented, or copied, or ordered to aid me in becoming more independent. I will try to explain them adequately in this article.

First, we have what I merely call my headpiece. It pre-

dates my "era of discovery" by eight or nine years. A girl at the boarding school I used to attend had one of these and a friend's father copied it one day (Fig. 1). It has proven an invaluable tool. Because I have more control in my neck muscles than other muscles of my body, I am able to use the protruding "stick" almost as a finger. Most frequent uses include typing, turning pages in a book, moving various objects without fear of knocking them over, breaking them, or crushing them, flipping switches, and changing cassette tapes (Fig. 2). The list of actual uses is long, indeed, and the list of possible uses is infinite.

The people in the Rehabilitation Education Center, especially Ralph Cook, are primarily responsible for coming up with ways to enable me to get in and out of the door and answer my telephone (Figs. 3-5). The keyholder normally hangs on the push handle of my wheelchair. By securing it between my teeth, I am able to insert the key into the lock, turn the entire keyholder with my chin, and open the door by means of the doorknob lever (Fig. 3). The rope shown hanging enables me to close the door behind me when leaving. The telephone answering device consists of a telephone amplifier (bought at Radio Shack) on which the telephone receiver always rests. A telephone holder is mainly a lever which rests on the receiver buttons. When this lever is flipped, it goes from depressing the receiver buttons to activating the amplifier, thus allowing me to speak over the phone from anywhere in the room.

The switches were ordered from a catalogue of adaptive equipment and are used by me for small appliances,



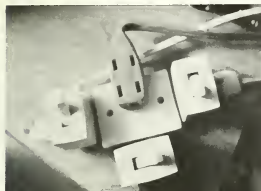
Figure 3 - Key holder in lock



Figure 4 - telephone arrangement



Figure 5 - telephone arrangement



Switches for turning on small appliances



Eye glass holder and mounted shaver

lamps, etc., which have hard-to-handle switches.

The eyeglass holder is a device recently made for me by an Occupational Therapy student at the University of Illinois as a class project. Hua Mei Wei is also disabled, so it was slightly easier to explain what I wanted. The upraised hook is used to pull the glasses off and, when they come off, they rest on the padded base. To put them on, I merely keep my head pushing downward until the "earhooks" fit over my ears.

I wear my watch on my arm - my wheelchair arm, that is. Mary Adams, the occupational therapist at the Center sewed it onto a velcro strap. This was one of the many tasks on which we worked together during my 3 years at the U. of I.

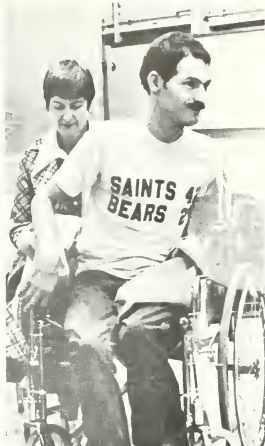
My shaver, a Norelco Tripleheader, is mounted upside down on a heavy base. After turning it on with one of the switches mentioned above, I merely run my face over the cutting edges to shave.

The regular hospital bed-table is handy in that it makes a lot of things portable. Pictured on it are my pre-shave and after-shave lotions in bottles originally for hand cream lotions (just depress the spout at the top to put some on the table and then run my face across the table), my deodorant can and its holder, and a tube of toothpaste. When these things are not in use, I just roll the bed-table out of the way.

All of the objects and ideas presented here can be copied. That goes without saying. But the point of this entire article will be missed if that's all you do. If you can't perform a certain task the accepted way, approach it from various angles until you find the best way for you to accomplish that task, if possible. Dare to be a nonconformist if it will make your life easier and richer. By the same token, if you're not disabled, encourage those you know who are to think of different solutions to a problem.

It's nice to be dependent at times. It's good not to show independence at all times. But it's great to learn how to become more independent any time.

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Glenn participating in a DSO meeting. Mary Adams in background

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By Larry Levin

The 77-78 Gizz Kids had a successful season, finishing competition with a 8-4 record in the Midwest Conference, a 28-8 overall record, and First Place in the 2nd Annual National Intercollegiate Wheelchair Basketball Tournament.

Don Behle led the scoring in the Conference with 201 points overall and led the Gizz Kids in free-throw percentage, total points, and assists. Co-captain Bob Trotter was second in the Conference in scoring with 187 points. He also led the Gizz Kids in field goal percentage and rebounds. The other co-captain, Jeff Zimmerman, had an excellent season with the Gizz Kids. Don Behle, Bob Trotter, and Jeff Zimmerman were all selected to the All-Conference Team Midwest Conference. The other starting players were Ron Malik and Terry Hurst. Don Schmidt, Gunnar Arlind, Dave Wishart, Larry Levin, Ken List, Brian Rackouski, Mark Crosley, Al Larson, and Don Morecraft (the last four playing part of the season) made up the strong bench. Trotter, Behle, Zimmerman, and Wishart are all graduating seniors.

The Conference games were not the only games the Gizz Kids played this past season. There were also games played against other college teams, and also many exhibition games. At halftime of these exhibition games, the team gave demonstrations of cheerleading, square dancing, archery, football, jousting, and wheelchair handling skills. By showing what the handicapped can do, the Gizz Kids help break down architectural and attitudinal barriers in that community.

At the Gizz Kids - Ms. Kids - Black Knights Athletic Banquet on April 15, 1978, the season came to a close. Don Behle was honored as the Gizz Kids Most Valuable Player. Most Improved Player was awarded to Terry Hurst.



Illinois Gizz Kids. The 1977-78 Illinois Gizz Kids Wheelchair Basketball Squad pictured above includes: Front row (left to right) Larry Levin, Don Morecraft, Jeff Zimmerman (Co-Captain), Al Larson, Jason Hall, Ken List, Don Schmidt. Second row (left to right) Don Behle, Terry Hurst, Gunnar Arlind, Bob Trotter (Co-Captain), Brian Rackouski, Dave Wishart, Mark Crosley, Ron Malik. Back row (left to right) Diantha Hawkes, Frank Brasile, Mark Tark, Pete Tonyan.



Gizz Kid Cheerleaders. The 1977-78 Illinois Gizz Kid cheerleading squad pictured above includes: Front row (left to right) Hau Mei Wei, Ellen Stables, Lucy Hagan. Back row (left to right) Jenifer Axtell, Ellen Drawes, Cheryl Eklund, Buffy Bowen (Coach), Debbie Dillon, and Lynne Mullen.



By Debbie Dillon

The Ms Kids with Coach Bob Szyman started the year with games in late October, finishing the season in Kentucky in March. There was a lot of hard work and dedicated practice — that's how you get a national championship!

Highlights of the Season —

Competition with the Kentucky Felines both in Champaign and Lexington. The Ms Kids handled the situation well, winning all four games. More importantly, it's great to see new teams organizing throughout the country.

The Ms Kids traveled up to Minneapolis, MN, for the annual invitational tournament at Camp Courage. The team came back to Champaign with a 2-2 record, beating Kentucky and Atlanta, losing to Canada and Minnesota. The team from Canada was the eventual tournament winner.

Exhibitions are an important part of the sports program as they bring in the money to support the teams. The Ms Kids did their part by putting on games in Albion and Downers Grove, IL, and Shawano, WI. Also some members of the team accompanied the Gizz Kids on the rest of the scheduled exhibitions throughout the year.

The Ms Kids got some much needed experience by playing with some men's teams from the NWBA conference. SIU, the Gateway Gliders and most importantly, the Champaign-Urbana Black Knights, played the Ms Kids during the season and helped them perfect their basketball skills. In fact, the last three games the women played before the tournament were against these three teams.

The biggest highlight of the year, of course, was the 4th National Women's Wheelchair Basketball Tournament held in Lexington, KY. Six teams participated in the 15 game tournament — Illinois Ms Kids, Minnesota Rolling



MAKING HISTORY. Members of the University of Illinois wheelchair athletic teams made history when the U of I Athletic Association became the first collegiate organization of its kind to award varsity letters to wheelchair competitors. Pictured above are some of those involved in the event. Seated, from left, are athletes Bob Trotter, Hua Mei Wei, Debbie Dillon and Jeff Zimmerman. Standing, from left, are Gizz Kids coach Frank Brasile, U of I Vice-Chancellor Morton Weir, former Illini athletic director Gene Vance, representing the Athletic Association; Jim Manley, representing the Optimist Club which sponsored the banquet, and Tim Nugent, Director of the U of I Rehabilitation-Education Center. Twenty-three wheelchair athletes were awarded letters.

Gophers, California Sunrise, Tampa, Kentucky Felines, and Atlanta Wheelies. Illinois' first games were against Atlanta and Kentucky which they handled with ease. Next came Tampa which the Kids defeated 30-14. The fourth game pitted Illinois against the California Sunrise — a surprisingly good new team.

Illinois defeated the Sunrise 24-17 but experienced some sluggishness during the game. That had to be the low point of the tourney because the next game was the big one—Illinois vs. Minnesota for the championship. Prior to this game these two teams played against each other 3 times during the season with Minnesota winning all 3 times. They had the statistical advantage but the Ms Kids wanted the championship and they rose to the occasion. Minnesota scored first but Illinois soon countered with a basket and with 17:00 left in the first half, the Ms Kids took the lead and never relinquished it. Final score: Illinois 41 - Minnesota 24.

It was a long hard season filled with rewards; the National Championship, Sharon Rahn, Most Valuable Player in the 4th NWWBT, and Susan Hagel and Betsy Pyle voted 1st Team NWWBT. There was satisfaction for the whole team. Next year, the team is losing many members and its coach, but you can be sure that there will still be pride in being a Ms Kid.



Ms Kids (left to right) Betsy Pyle, Sue Hagel, Cheryl Eklund, Sharon Rahn, Captain Hua Mei Wei, Janifer Axtell, Debbie Archer, Laura Marshall, and Debbie Dillon. Coach Bob Szyman with assistants Buffy Bowen and Chris French.

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by Ellen Drewes

The 1978 University Gizz Kids' Tour left Wednesday, January 4, at 7:30 a.m. I was asked as an alternate cheerleader to replace the ailing Lucy Hagan. The Greyhound carried people who were full of fun and ready to represent Illinois in all the 14 states through which we passed.

Our first night was in Oklahoma City. After our second day on the Greyhound, we arrived in Albuquerque, New Mexico, where we had our first basketball game. The Gizz Kids played Albuquerque at the University of New Mexico.

A friend of the Gizz Kids, Mr. "Swede" Scholer, came to see the game that night and invited the entire Gizz Kid entourage to breakfast. It was about 8 a.m. the next morning when we boarded the Greyhound and went to the Scholer's for breakfast. They were gracious hosts.

Then came the long awaited excursion up into the mountains. We unloaded into a kind of cable car that connected two peaks, the means of transport to Sandia Peak. Those who are squeemish about heights could have done without that particular ride. I cannot describe exactly the treat that awaited us for lunch! If anyone has sufficient curiosity about that meal, ask any of the tour members, what green Chili Stew is and how they like it!

We were in Roswell, NM, on Sunday, in time for another basketball game. We stayed in private homes that night and enjoyed something other than McDonald's or motel cooking. We spent all day Monday traveling to Dallas, Texas, where we stayed two nights.



There was this Greyhound bus need we say more?

Games were played at University of Texas, Arlington, and at Mesquite, Texas. Buffy Fetter, a former Ms Kid, had arranged an exhibition with her students.

Our accommodations were all pretty good, with a few exceptions. Among the most notable were the small rodents in one particular motel. In more than one motel, the toilet seats were not completely connected to the toilets. These minor experiences just made the trip more inter-



A DAY IN THE MOUNTAINS: Tour personnel visited the Sandia Mountains during their stay in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

esting and gave people something to report the next day on the bus.

Thursday, we were in the state of the Mardi Gras. Because of the Super Bowl crowd, there were no rooms in New Orleans so we stayed in Cajun Country, Baton Rouge. The entire tour group received honorary deputations in the Parish of East Baton Rouge. We could all stage a classy jail break because as souvenirs of Louisiana we received keys to the East Baton Rouge Parish Jail.

Pensacola, Florida, was our destination on Friday which meant traveling from Louisiana to Florida. This sounds like it meant another day on "that" bus, but actually mileage was only listed at 200. We looked forward to Disney World, but first the team played two more basketball games at Pensacola and Tallahassee. This was no major undertaking since the "Gizzers" have this knack of making basketball look like a "game" instead of the work it actually is.

On Sunday, because it was the day of the long-awaited trip to Disney World, there was very little danger of anyone oversleeping. This was a fun day! We got to see this vast park in a time period of about six hours, Space Mountain and the Grand Prix ride were the favorites.

Next day it was more of the same old grind; on the road again with Georgia Southern College, Statesboro, GA, as our destination. We fell into the bus routine: Terry Hurst told "Seth" stories, Gizz Kid Bob Trotter crocheted under the tutelage of instructor Buffy Bowen, and Ron Malik was embroidering a shirt with mushrooms and clouds. Don Behle was pronounced the windiest Gizz Kid when he won the bubble blowing contest.

The last game was in Birmingham, Alabama. Afterwards the Gizz Kids were entertained at the hotel by the manager who sang for us in the quaintest Irish brogue. Our final day on the bus brought us back to Champaign after we had been gone two weeks. People with whom I have talked have given this tour the title of THE GREATEST.

by Mark Crosley

The 28th season of wheelchair football at the University of Illinois began September 10th in the Armory with the Golds winning over the Blues 14-7. This was a long awaited victory for the Golds since their season last year ended with a 0-4 record.

The second game of the season gave the Golds a second victory (2-0 record); the Golds were coming on strong.

The season's third game produced a win for the Blues over the Whites; 28-0 score. The Blues now had a 1-1 record and the Whites a 0-2 record for the season.

Revenge by the Blues on the Golds was the topic of the fourth game. The games ended with a 58-7 victory for the Blues.

The Whites defeated the Golds 32-13 in the fifth game of the season. This was the first win for the Whites and it ended the Golds season with a 2-2 record.

The Whites with a 1-2 record would now face the Blues who have a 2-1 record. This meant that the Blues would win the season title or there would be a 2-2 record for each team, thus a 3-way tie for first place.

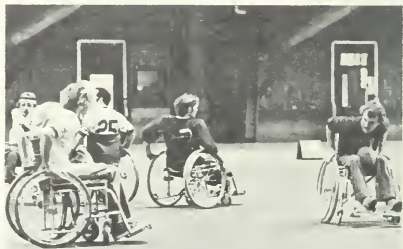
Well, on October 15th the Blues captured the season championship by beating the Whites 25-8.

The lead scorer of the season was Dane Shank of the Blues with 9 touchdowns. Don Thompson of the Whites held the season record for yards passed which totaled 622. Jerry Voigt of the Whites led the season record for offensive receiving with 32. The total rushing record was set by Dane Shank who rushed 195 yards. Randy Rinnac of the Golds set the season record of 28 tackles. And the final team standings were:

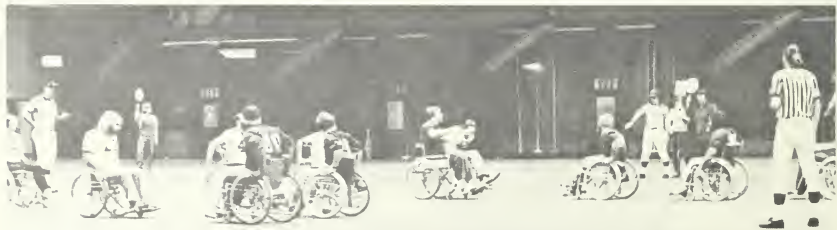
	W	L	T	Pts.	Op. Pts.	Ave.	Op. Avg.
Blues	3	1	0	118	28	29.5	7.0
Golds	2	2	0	66	111	16.5	25.0
Whites	1	3	0	54	99	13.5	24.7



Don Thompson gets off another one of his record number of passes



Dane Shank runs wide against Gunnar Arlind in the All Star game



The ball is snapped and another play is underway in a game between the Blues and the Whites.

by Debbie Dillon

Coinciding with Queen Elizabeth's silver jubilee, the International Stoke Mandeville Games celebrated its 25th anniversary and four Gizz Kids and one coach were there to join in the celebration. Selected to the USA wheelchair team, following outstanding performances at the 21st National Games held in San Jose, California, were: Susan Hagel, Sharon Rahn, Evelyn Moore, Deborah Dillon and coach Bob Szyman.

Susan Hagel, a veteran of many international competitions, competed in the FITA round of archery where she placed third. Archers must put up with miserable weather at times and Susan found this out as she shot archery in the rainy, cold, English weather, three out of four days of her competition. She also placed 1st in Dartchery (a combination of darts and archery), 9th in the 60 meter dash and played on the 3rd place basketball team. Susan is a twenty-three year old graduate student in Leisure Studies from Shawano, WI, traumatic paraplegic.

Sharon Rahn, in her 2nd year of international competition, is considered by some to be a newcomer, however, she has made her presence felt. Sharon's big event was the 60 meter dash where she burned the track in record time of 14.2 seconds in her preliminary heat. That's a pending world record! She also kept very busy with some other events, namely:

- Track: 60 meter dash (pending world record) - 1st place
- 4x40 meter dash relay (pending world record) - 1st place
- slalom - 3rd place
- Swim: 150 meter medley relay - 1st place
- 200 meter freestyle relay - 1st place
- 100 meter backstroke - 2nd place
- 100 meter freestyle - 4th place
- Basketball Team - 3rd place
- Archery - short metric - 4th place

Sharon is twenty-one years old, from Hatboro, PA, a traumatic paraplegic, and a sophomore in Health Education.



NATIONAL RECORD: Sharon Rahn (left) pushes toward the finish line in the women's Class IV 880 yard push at the 21st National Wheelchair Games held in San Jose, California in 1977.

Evelyn Moore made a comeback in 1977 and made the USA team to Stoke after a lengthy layoff. Swimming and field events are her specialty as she placed first in the precision club and shot put; second in the club throw, discus and 25 meter backstroke. Evelyn is a thirty-four year old graduate of the University of Illinois living in Tolono, IL. She is a traumatic quadriplegic and is an Intake Case Worker with the Dept. of Public Aid, Champaign.

Deborah Dillon was one of the busiest members of the U.S. Team as she competed in a total of 10 events including the demanding pentathlon. Debbie came in first in the pentathlon which consists of archery, swimming, shotput, javelin and a 60 meter dash. The other things that occupied her time were:

- Track and Field: shotput - 2nd place
- discus - 2nd place
- javelin - 2nd place
- 60 meter dash - 2nd place
- slalom - 2nd place
- Archery: tetraplegic short metric archery - 1st place
- dartchery - 3rd place
- B-Team Basketball - 3rd place
- Table tennis - 2nd place

Debbie is a twenty-one year old senior in Health Education from South Windsor, CT, traumatic quadriplegic.

Coach Bob Szyman and the 7 other coaches responsible for the USA team, supervised the various athletic events. Bob was head coach for the women's basketball team and was also track coach. Bob is a veteran of international competition, having traveled to Stoke, Toronto, Mexico City and Brussels before.

Following the games the whole USA team got a vacation in London. Left on their own to do what they wanted, the women toured various sites from Buckingham Palace, to the Thames River, to the Wax Museum, to the theater. Soon it was back to the United States filled with plans for training for 1978 competition.



Betsy Pyle (right) draws a bead with the bow.

2ND NATIONAL INTERCOLLEGIATE MEN'S WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

By Frank M. Brasile

Marshall, Minnesota, hometown of the Southwest State University Broncos, was the site of this year's 2nd Annual National Intercollegiate Wheelchair Basketball Tournament. Participating were host Southwest State University, Wright State University, the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, the University of Illinois, and last year's defending champions, Southern Illinois University. Each team had to meet the predetermined intercollegiate eligibility requirements for participation in this tournament.

Prior to the opening round of the tournament most observers anticipated that host Southwest State University and the University of Illinois were the teams to beat.

The opening round found no surprises with both pre-tournament favorites winning easily over younger foes. The Broncos from Southwest State defeated defending champions SIU by a score of 53-21, and the Gizz Kids overwhelmed first time participants Wright State University 46-28 on the strength of a 30-6 half-time lead. The Squids from SIU found themselves in the midst of a rebuilding year with only two students from last year's championship team returning to their squad.

In the second round action the Gizz Kids played flawless ball to defeat Wisconsin-Whitewater 66-28; and the Broncos, after trailing early in the game, came back to defeat a stubborn and aggressive Wright State team 61-39.

The second day of action began when the Gizz Kids defeated SIU 55-18. And in the game which was to decide the third place finisher, the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater defeated the aggressive but foul prone Wright State team 44-29. In the game, Wright State ended play with only three players after four starters fouled out. Whitewater was led by Terry Tschanz who had 15 points in the game. He was aided by teammate Tom Becke's 12 points.

The next two contests saw SSU defeat a stubborn Whitewater team 54-35. The Broncos lead 37-31 with ten minutes left in the contest and then Dick Christianson and Chuck Craig led the charge to pull away from the Warhawks. Wright State defeated SIU 47-26 and ended with an impressive fourth place finish for the tournament.

The last game of the day pitted the highly touted 27-8 Gizz Kids against a tough, well coached, and scrappy SSU team in a meeting of the tournament undefeateds.

Southwest State jumped off to a quick 10-4 lead against the Gizz Kids with their aggressive defense and the fine team work of Craig and Christianson. However, with one second left in the half, Gizz Kid senior standout Jeff Zimmerman hit a 16 foot corner shot to put the Gizz Kids within 1 point at 22-21 as the buzzer sounded. Zimmerman scored six of his game total of 8 points in the first half, and Christianson scored 14 points to lead the Broncos.

The opening minutes of the second half saw the Gizz Kids rattle off 8 straight points to take a 29-22 lead, and with the excellent leadership and shooting of senior Don Behle and tenacious team defense the Gizz Kids rolled on to defeat the Broncos 48-35. Behle scored 19 of the team's 27 points in the second half and he also assisted for three Gizz Kid tallies in the half. He was the game high scorer with 28 points while Christianson of SSU ended up with 21 points in the face of a strong defensive effort by Gizz Kid sophomore Ron Malik.

So the 1978 Intercollegiate Wheelchair Basketball Champions, the University of Illinois Gizz Kids, ended their season with a 28-8 record.

Intercollegiate wheelchair basketball has arrived and its growth and development took a major step with the formation of the Central Intercollegiate Wheelchair Basketball Conference which will begin play during the 1978-79 season. (Teams participating in this strictly intercollegiate league will be from the University of Illinois, Southwest State University, the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, Wright State University, and Southern Illinois University.)

Three teams submitted bids to host the 3rd Annual National Intercollegiate Wheelchair Basketball Tournament; Wright State University, the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, and Southern Illinois University. The tournament was awarded to the Southern Illinois University Squids, the 1977 National Champions, with the projected tournament weekend being March 2, 3, and 4, or the first weekend following the 1979 NWBA regional playoffs, whichever comes first.

Any four year University or College interested in participating in next year's Intercollegiate Championships or in joining the Central Intercollegiate Conference is encouraged to write to Frank M. Brasile, Assistant Commissioner for the Central Intercollegiate Conference, Longwood College, Farmville, VA 23901.



Gizz Kids	46	Wright State Univ	28
Gizz Kids	66	Univ. Wisconsin-Whitewater	28
Gizz Kids	55	Southern Illinois Univ.	18
Gizz Kids	48	Southwest State Univ.	35



Alum - Sue Suter, right.

Steve Zumbo meets a red-tail hawk.



Bob Trotter lays one up, far right

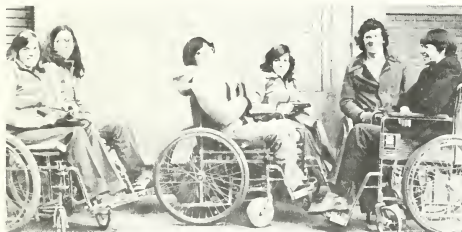


Ron Malik using his sports bow with sight and counter weights



Sharon Rahn changing casters during competition

American Legion Banquet - THANK YOU! Gizz Kids and Ms. Kids captains present American Legion Post No. 24 with an autographed basketball in "appreciation" for sponsorship of the annual Basketball Awards Banquet. L-R: Ray Saatoff, Past Commander; Frank Young, Past Commander; Bob Barrett, Senior Vice Commander; Bob Trotter. Seated Jeff Zimmerman, Hua Mei Wei.



In front of haunted house at Disney World left to right Cheryl Eklund, Debbie Dillon, Hua Mei Wei, Lynn Mullen, Terry Hurst and Ellen Drewes.

GRADUATES & HONOR ROLL

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 Robert Drone, LAW, Juris Doctor, Law
 Thomas Ehlebracht, Commerce, B.S., Accounting (High Honors)
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 Ashish K. Pal Choudhury, Grad., M.S., Civil Engineering
 Sheila Ritter, LAS, B.S., Psychology
 Jerry Scruggs, LAS, B.S., Biology
 Dane Shank, Grad., M.S., Agricultural Engineering
 Carl Suter, LAS, B.A., Speech Communication
 Richard Thorpe, Commerce, B.S., Business Administration
 Craig Woodward, Grad., M.S.W., Social Work

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Richard Loomis, LAS, B.S., Field of Concentration Individual Plans of Study
 Kimberley Robinson, Grad., A.M., Teaching of English as Second Language
 Ismail Muhammad Salleh, Grad., Ph.D., Economics

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Joyce Dawidczyk, School of Social Work, B.S.W., Social Work
 Dwight Johnson, Grad., M.S., Business Administration
 Nancy Stark, FAA, B. of F.A., Art Education (Honors)
 James Williams, School of Social Work, B.S.W., Social Work
 Judy Williams, Grad., M.S.W., Social Work

We would like to extend a special salute to three recipients of the Avery Brundage Scholarship that is awarded to University of Illinois students "who are both gifted students and exceptional athletes, for their combined physical and mental development," Donald Behle, Debbie Dillon, and Sharon Rahn.

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A PRAYER FOR COMPENSATION

by Phyllis Ann Smith

*Heavenly Father,
 May the sight I lose be replaced by
 vision,
 May the physical sensation I lose be
 replaced by greater sensitivity to
 others,
 May the grace and balance I lose be
 replaced by gracious acceptance,
 May the strength of body I lose be
 replaced by strength of spirit,
 Until this temporal life is replaced by
 an eternal one.
 Amen.*

ALUMNI BRIEFS

The Early 50's and Before

ROBERT E. ANDERSON graduated with a B.S. in Education in 1952, majoring in Industrial Arts and a M.S. in 1959, majoring in Industrial Education. He is a resource teacher at Elk Grove High School, Elk Grove, IL. He has received a certificate of public service from the Sheriff of Cook County, Richard J. Elrod, and in addition he has been awarded the combined counties police association certificate of merit.

STEPHEN J. BODNAR lives in Beaumont, TX. He received his Ph.D. in Chemistry in 1954, and has been with the Texas U.S. Chemical Corporation for the last ten years.

CHUCK CHAPMAN received his B.S. in Journalism in 1955, and is presently Director of the Editorial Office, Louisiana State University School of Medicine. He has co-authored a recent article, "Writing Science for Communication" and was coordinating editor for *Human Diseases Caused by Viruses: Recent Developments*.

FRANK DEYO had undergraduate majors in Accounting-Math-Law receiving his J.D. in Law in 1950. Presently he is semi-retired from law practice and enjoying duplicate bridge, jogging, handball and racquet ball.

C. BENJAMIN GRAHAM, M.D., earned a baccalaureate degree in Chemistry in 1954, and went on to University of Washington, Seattle, to earn his Medical Degree. He has been elected a Fellow of American College of Radiology (F.A.C.R.), been named Director of Radiology, Children's Orthopedic Hospital and Medical Center, Seattle; however, he states that one of his most appreciated honors was to be selected to the Hall of Fame, National Wheelchair Basketball Association.

KAY JACKSON HOFFMAN lives in Mesa, AZ, with her husband, Bob, and she enjoys swimming eight months of the year. She holds down two part-time jobs and is working hard in her locale for elimination of architectural barriers and to increase handicapped parking areas.

ROBERT T. KALOUPEK majored in marketing and received his B.S. in 1956. He is Business Manager of Grinnell General Hospital, Grinnell, IA, where he lives with his wife, Maryjory. They enjoy playing bridge and Bob is learning to fly radio controlled model aircraft.

JANET MARSHALL KRAUSE received her undergraduate degree in Psychology and finished a masters degree at Colorado University in Rehabilitation Counseling. She continues her volunteer work in Girl Scouts and for the past two years has been School Volunteer Coordinator in Salem, OR.



Reminisces from Chuck Chapman, former SIGMA SIGNS Editor (above).

But I did happen on this picture, a memory of halcyon days when the Arizona skies were the playplace of young men "in search of themselves." Later the Nevada skies were incorporated into the search, and then, for some, Korean skies; my search ended in an automobile accident in the Nevada desert.

Or did it? I think the one thing we should all learn is that change is the sine qua non. Sometimes the change is gradual, as with those who live in the same house for 47 years, and sometimes it is abrupt, as happened to me in Nevada.

Change is challenge and change is opportunity. On a hot summer morning in 1953, a talk with Tim Nugent convinced me that I could achieve success, and even do things that would not be achievable were I not gimpy and obliged to face life with directness and humor.

I became the "social chairman" for our PGU barrack and organized some of the parties. As social chairman I naturally had the moral obligation to "check out" all those coeds who agreed to be included in the social register I was compiling. Challenge and opportunity, ne-c'est pas? Someone suggested I call Kathy. She and I went as monkeys to a DSO party and have been into monkey business ever since.

Do is the keyword. Write, listen, sing, wax poetic, paint, tell jokes, spit for the record, run for office, grow orchids, wink at passers by . . .

If all else seems fruitless, write a book. I have the proofs on the writing book (by Barbara Lynch and me) right here before my blurry eyes. . . .

Do, friends. . . do!

MARVIN J. LAPICOLA graduated with a B.S. in Business Administration, 1956. He continued with graduate work at both Pepperdine College and Northern Illinois University. He is president of the National Wheelchair Basketball Association, president of the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund, and has time to play basketball with the Chicago Sidewinders.

KEN MATTHIAS lives in Crown Point, IN, with his wife, Norma, and their three children, Debra, Theresa, and Doug. Ken works for Seaburg-Welsh Auto Supply Company and in his spare time he enjoys playing softball and using his C.B. radio.

BRUCE ALDENFIDER McDANIEL was a graduate in 1955 with a B.A. in English Literature. She has taken a fulltime job at Purdue University as Technical Editor, Institute of Interdisciplinary Engineering Studies. Bruce was the first female wheelchair graduate.

GLENWOOD R. PERKINS received a B.A. in 1956, majoring in Advertising Design. He continues to be active in the American Legion, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Optimist Club, and the United Methodist Church.

JOHN C. PRINCE majored in Accountancy and received a B.S. in 1951. For the last ten years he has been with the Rust-Oleum Corporation, Evanston, IL, where he is a senior staff accountant.

C. DALE RUSH had a Social Science minor and majored in Clinical Psychology receiving a B.S. in 1951. He is a psychologist at the Veterans Administration, Phoenix, AZ, and active in other groups in Phoenix. Some of these are the Salvation Army, Self Help, Inc., National Council on Alcoholism, Villa de Fidelis and is a teacher/therapist in five substance abuse programs and facilities throughout the state of Arizona.

FRED SPRING graduated with both a baccalaureate and masters degree in Math in 1954 and 1957, respectively. He is a program manager - subcontracts, Rockwell International, Anaheim, CA. He reports on the activities of his children; son Kirk received a 4-year football scholarship to U of Utah; daughter Debra graduates from college in June '78; son Fred enters the architectural program at Boston Architectural Center; and daughter Barb enters a nursing program in the fall.

GEORGE W. STEINMANN was one of the charter members (circa. 1948) of the rehabilitation program when it began on the Galesburg campus. He finished his degree at the University of New Mexico, and is a self-employed accountant. He likes to be active in conservative political groups.

JOHN W. TORRANCE, JR., graduated with a B.A. degree in Journalism in 1955. He lives in Chicago with his wife, Lillian.

DONALD C. WAHLE received a B.S. in Accounting in 1958. He is single and working as a Budget Analyst, U.S. Army, Tank Automotive Command, Warren, MI. He lives in Mt. Clemens, MI.

JACK WHITMAN majored in Radio and T.V. receiving a B.S. degree in Journalism in 1955. He is an account executive with the radio

station, WDWS AM & FM, and he has been married 21 years to Jan!
LELAND WISE received his B.S. degree in Business Administration and is Group Vice-President for Eisner Food Stores, Division of Jewel Companies, Champaign, IL. He is married to JOAN WOLL WISE and has two children, Chris, age 17, and Anne, age 22.

The Late 50's

WILLIAM R. ACHESON resides with his wife, Gloria, and their daughter, Ann, in Monroe, LA. Bill, an architect for Heuer, Johns, Neel, Rivers and Webb, Architects, designed the Hanson Park school in Chicago. The school is for orthopedically and multi-handicapped children as well as non-handicapped children, grades kindergarten thru eighth.

CYNTHIA J. ALLEN is currently living in Apple Valley, CA, and is working as a counselor enabler at Victor Valley College. Cynthia is president of Victor Valley Aero Club as well as secretary of J.O.B. Workshop, Board of Directors. Aside from holding these offices, she is in the process of building a home to fit her needs.

GLEN and SYLVIA DEAN BELLWS live with their children, Kevin, Alice, and Peter, in Normal, IL. Glen is vice-president of Buchanan, Bellows, and Assoc., Ltd. Consulting Engineers. In November of last year, Glen was called to Bishop of Bloomington Ward, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Sylvia is working on her second bachelor's degree in music at Illinois State University.

and Probate Judge of Adair County, Missouri.

In early 1970, Paul, his wifeileen, and son Gary, moved to Horseshoe Bend, Arkansas, where he accepted the position of Legal Counsel for Horseshoe Development Corporation. Mrs. Brown passed away in 1974, and Paul and his 15 year old son have continued living in Horseshoe.

When asked about his job and community, Mr. Brown replied, "It's one of the most demanding and interesting positions I have ever held." He told us that Horseshoe Bend Estates is a land development, in North Central Arkansas, covering 14,000 acres; and that there were property owners there from all 50 states and several foreign countries, with former Illinois residents comprising the majority of the present 1,755 inhabitants. We asked Mr. Brown if it was hard to adjust to living in a retirement type community. Paul's answer was, "You would never know it was a retirement community! I've never seen so many hard working and active people in one place before."

In addition to Paul's duties with Horseshoe Development, position as City Judge, and the private practice of law, he opened a Travel Agency in 1974, specializing in slower paced, deluxe, foreign tours for handicapped persons and senior citizens. Since opening Trans-World Travel Agency, Mr. Brown and his son, Gary, have taken tours to many countries, such as: England, Denmark, Holland, Sweden, Finland, France, Italy, Switzerland, Germany, Ireland, Scotland, Russia and many other interesting places.

At the present time travel plans are being made for a 14 day tour of Italy in December, 1978, and a 12 day tour of the Holy Land in January, 1979. Anyone desiring more information on these can write: Trans-World Travel Agency, P.O. Box 188, Horseshoe Bend, Arkansas 72512. All inquiries are welcome and promptly handled, with no obligation.

Paul told us that one of his most exciting recent travel experiences was obtaining entry into Russia and the complete inspection given the tour group; and he emphasized "complete."

Paul Custer Brown had thrombophlebitis in both legs due to World War II injuries.

GEORGE K. CADDY lives in Alexandria, VA, with his wife, Judy, and son, Eric Jon. He is a systems accountant with the National Gallery of Art. He was named to the faculty of a conference on developing museum experiences for the handicapped sponsored by the Western Association of Art Museums, and he is looking forward to participation in this event.

CHARLES DAHNCKE, his wife, Adrienne their children, Carey, and Elise, live in Danville, IL. Chuck is an operations analyst for the Social Security Administration in Danville. This is his seventh year as coach of the Champaign-Urbana Black Knights.

CARL F. FAUST resides with his wife, Julia, and their children, Stan and Karen, in River Forest, IL. He is vice president of The First National Bank of Chicago.

BARBARA CASH FROCK is a private music teacher who lives in Austin, TX, with her husband, George, and their children, Gary and Brian. Barbara is very involved in P.T.A. and church circle; she teaches 11th and 12th graders Sunday School, and enjoys painting, sewing and selling fund raising items to groups.

JOHN S. FINE lives in San Bernadino, CA, where he is a college teacher. He is writing a book on the history of automobile advertising in the U.S.A., 1899-1941.

JOHN WILLIAM GORRELL lives in Granite City, IL, with his wife of 16½ years, Phyllis, and their children Jay, Tad and LeAnn. He is an emergency service representative for Illinois Power Co. In his free time, John enjoys gardening, working around the house (he built the beds and chests for his boys bedroom), and giving advice during the basketball and soccer seasons. John is also helping his sons earn their novice licenses in ham radio.

RAPHAEL W. HALEY is a tax accountant for Markem Corporation in Keene, NH. He lives in West Swazey, NH with his wife, Carol Ann, and their three children. He is trustee and treasurer for the local library and town auditor for Swazey.

DON HEITLER is a free lance musician in the Champaign-Urbana area and makes frequent appearances with a local Jazz Group, Medicare 7, 8, or 9.

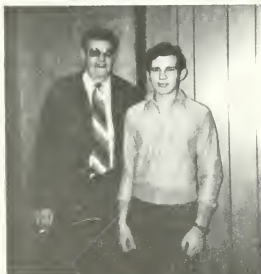
LOWELL HILL is a research analyst for the Illinois Office of Education and **DARLEEN ENDRESS HILL** is a clerk for the Illinois State Personnel Office. Darleen was appointed to a seven member Inter-Agency Committee for the Handicapped by Gov. Thompson, and she had a small pamphlet of poems published in the past year. She is also the 1st Vice Chairperson of the Miriam Circle at St. John's Lutheran Church where Lowell and she are active members. Darleen is still active in the Sangamon County Genealogical Society and the AAUW. Both Lowell and Darleen are members of the advisory board for the Springfield Chapter of The Christian League for the Handicapped. They have also made the final payment on their home in Springfield this year.

DENNIS HOHLBAUGH lives in Bloomington, IL, and is Manager of Operations Research Department, F.S. Services, Inc.

LYSLE ELIZABETH JOHNSON lives in Delray Beach, FL. "Liz" is a secretary for the Delray Beach Police Department.

TOM and LOUISE FORTMAN JONES are both with the University of Illinois, C-U Campus. Tom is Assistant Director, Public Information; Louise is Fee Assessor, U of I, Office of Admissions. Tom is serving on several University committees. Louise has enjoyed taking classes in French cooking and crafts. Both have taken a wine-tasting class this year. Their summer trip in 1977 took them through New England and Canada.

HAROLD DEAN KUEHLE lives with his family in Cape Girardeau, MO, where he is County Revenue Collector. He is State Director of Activities, White House Conference on Han-



Paul C. Brown and son, Gary

PAUL C. BROWN is a 1955 graduate of D.S.S.W.V. (A special college unit for veterans of World War II) at the University of Illinois. After graduating from Champaign-Urbana, he also served as Assistant Dean of Men at the U. of I. from 1955 until 1958, while attending Law School part-time. After leaving the U. of I. he entered the University of Missouri Law School, and received his Juris Doctorate in 1960.

That same year, he returned to his hometown in Kirksville, Missouri, to practice law. During his stay in Kirksville, Mr. Brown served as City Attorney as well as a term as Magistrate



Marge Glossop on the steel drum

MARJORIE NELSON GLOSSOP graduated from the University of Illinois with a B.S. in Music Education in 1958. She is pictured "sitting in" with the Trinidad Tripoli Steel Band when they were performing at the Ponchartrain Hotel in Detroit recently.

Marge Glossop became interested in the steel drum because of her involvement with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. Marge has held many offices and chaired committees in both the Detroit and Dearborn Symphony organizations. She sold more season tickets for the symphony than anyone else in the Detroit area so she won a trip for two, four years in a row. The first year, the trip was to Bermuda and the second year the trip was to Nassau in the Bahamas. She heard the steel drum played in Nassau and decided that she wanted one. Marge found out that no stores sold them and that she could only purchase the drum through islanders who performed.

The third trip for sales was to Jamaica and Marge was determined not to leave the island without a steel drum. She was successful in procuring one and after bringing it home, taught herself to play the instrument. "Steel drums are a lot different from the drums we're accustomed to in the United States. They don't thump, they ring, sort of like xylophones. The notes are in no particular order but a marimba technique is used and I was somewhat familiar with that." She made a tape recording of her own piano accompani-

ment and ran it through an amplifier enabling her to accompany herself.

On a return trip to Jamaica she took the drum in a case, designed by her engineer husband, which turns into a stand and is on rollers. She sat in with bands at the Sign Great House and Richmond Hill in the Montego Bay area as well as other Jamaican spots such as Plantation Inn and Jamaica Hilton. She met Stanhope Joel the "African Diamond King," the creator of the posh resort Sans Souci. "It was really a thrilling experience to meet this very interesting English gentleman and the fact that he requested me to play for him and his party two nights in a row was even more exciting."

Marge says that her husband supports her activities; they like to entertain in their home with the evening events centering around music. Her husband designed a recital hall and party room in their basement with a stage area, buffet server, bar, kitchen, and guest room.

An accomplished musician, Marge has played at several country clubs; she plays for private parties, benefit parties, school convocations, and has made appearances with the Mac Ferguson Trio. She teaches piano in her home and substitutes for her church organist. On some occasions her daughter, Crystal, backs her up on the piano and her son, Dean, contributes by playing the rhumba box, another Caribbean instrument.

Marge had poliomyelitis at age 17 with residual paralysis in her left leg and hip.

dicapped Individuals; Governor's Committee member on the Employment of the Handicapped; and District Membership Chairman of the MO-AR District of Kiwanis International. Harold wants to know when there will be an "Old Timers Meeting."

THOMAS F. LINDE lives with his wife and sons in Knoxville, IA. He is a Clinical Psychologist with the Knoxville, IA, Veterans Administration Hospital. He enjoys swimming and the ham radio.

JANE KING MELIN lives with her husband, John, and their three daughters, Ann, Nancy and Carrie, in Urbana, IL. Jane is busy keeping house and serving on Urbana's P.T.A. Council.

DAVID C. MIEHER, JR., is a mortgage banker with the Jackson Office of Colonial Mort-

gage Company. He relates that during a snowy weekend in Jackson, he and Ruth took up Backgammon and now this hobby rivals bridge.

RUTH KELLER MIEHER makes her home in Jackson, MS, with David (above). She is a Full-Charge Bookkeeper at the Carriage House.

JERRY MORGAN lives in Clarendon Hills, IL, with his wife, Marjorie, and daughter, Linda, and son, Dave. In 1974 he started Morgan Engineering Company and now has a permanent staff of seven engineers and designers.

KATEY NIEMEYER lives in Cape Coral, FL, and is assistant manager of Food Services at Lee Memorial Hospital, Fort Myers, FL. Katey has three Scottish Terriers which she has been showing. Other activities include: Chairman,

Physically Handicapped Committee, President's Committee on the Employment of the Handicapped; Dietitian Consultant, Shady Rest Nursing Home and Shell Point Nursing Pavilion; Adjunct Professor, Nutrition, University of South FL; U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary; Zonta; Ft. Myers Dog Club; Chairman, Lee County Diabetes Association; and President elect, Caloosa District Dietetic Association.

ANDREA M. and RALPH PATZKE live in Champaign, IL, with their two teenagers, Jeff and Karen. Ralph is very active in C-U Optimists Club and Babe Ruth Baseball as well as many other activities.

WILLIAM SCHUYLER JR., is a teacher at the University of Louisville and he lives in Louisville with his wife, Barbara and their daughter, Sarah. Bill still collects art and he reports that he has "latched" onto some nice pottery in the last couple of years.

DALE SHELTON is an adult services director at the Developmental Services Center in Champaign, IL, where he lives with his wife Laurel.

WAYNE W. SPADER lives with his wife, Diane and their children, Jeff and Janet, in Calumet Park, IL. He is an assistant accounts payable supervisor for the Martin-Brower Co. Wayne is founder and current president of the Bears Den No. 1 Fan Club, the official fans organization for the Chicago Bears professional football club. He also serves as a youth counselor at Salem Lutheran Church in Blue Island, IL.

JACK L. SPRING of Springfield, IL, is senior Underwriter for the Casualty Division of Horace Mann Educators. In his free time, Jack plays for the Springfield Spoke Jockeys Wheelchair Basketball Team.

DAVID C. STAFFORD is a data processor for the city of Indianapolis, IN, where he lives.

HARRY E. STEWART lives with his wife, Martha, and their children, Leslie and Meghan in Danville, IL. He is a lawyer and a current member of the Danville Junior College Board of Trustees. Harry is also a past member of the Vermilion County Mental Health Board.

J. EDWARD TICHENOR lives with his wife, Wanda, and their sons, Rick, Brian, and Mark in Mansfield, IL. Ed is a salesman for Cleveland Cotton Products and in his free time he plays wheelchair football with the Blues and wheelchair basketball with the Champaign-Urbana Black Knights.

THOMAS F. TULLY lives with his wife, Virginia, and daughter, Melissa, in Honolulu, HI, where they built a swimming pool in their yard last summer and enjoy swimming the year round. Tom is a structural engineer and systems Analyst with Alfred A. Yee and Associates, Inc.

MARY LOU MEINERT VAN BARRIGER is an elementary school teacher in Rockford, IL where she lives. She is an active member in the National Paraplegia Foundation-Rockford Chapter, a member of N.E.A., I.E.A., and R.E.A. (education associations) and a representative on the teachers council to the Board

of Education in Rockford. Mary Lou is also an active bowler.

MARSHALL WALL lives in Lexington, KY, with his wife, LeVon, and their children, Janis and Eric. Marshall is an IBM Advisory Programmer, teaches Sunday School to four and five year olds, and is active in eliminating barriers in the city.

ARNOLD WOLOCHUK lives with his wife, Cecile, their daughter, Sheryl, and their twin sons, Lee and Mark, in Morton Grove, IL. Arnold recently passed the ACSW exam and is a social worker at the Howe Developmental Center.

EVA M. BOUDREAU ZWILLING is a busy wife and mother. She lives with her husband, Leo, and their three children, Mike, Steve, and Teresa, in Indianapolis, IN.

The Early 60's

LLOYD ACKLAND lives with his wife, Carolyn, and their two children, Todd and Lisa, in Compton, IL, where he farms.

BRUCETTA J. BUCKLEW ALFORD lives in Worth, IL, with her husband Roy and their daughter, Amy. She is Feature Editor for the *Daily Southtown Economist* and is enrolled in the masters degree program at Governors State University in Park Forest, IL. In 1976, Brucetta received the Alumnus of the Year Award from Rockford College, Rockford, IL.

MARGARET J. WALLINGLORD ALLISON from Cherryvale, KS, belongs to the music club, women's civic club and sings in her church choir.

HANK ATKINSON of Boulder, CO, is a consulting engineer for his own firm. He recently added an instrument rating to his pilots license.

DIANNE BARTZ BERTHOLD lives in Park Ridge, IL, with her husband, Charles, daughter, Andrea, and sons, Roddy, Danny, and Chris. She is a part-time tax preparer for H & R Block. In January of this past year, Dianne and her husband traveled to Mexico.

ELSON A. BETTNER lives with his wife, Sylvia and their sons, Eric and Scott, in Westland, MI. He is assistant clinical microbiologist at Peoples Community Authority Hospital, a group of five hospitals in Wayne, MI. Elson is involved in the Cursillo Christian Movement and he enjoys fishing as a hobby.

TIM BICKEL is an attorney-at-law in Riverton, WY, where he currently lives.

S. TAPPER BRAGG of Manhasset, NY, is co-editor of the *Family Law Commentator*. In addition to writing and editing articles for that newspaper, he edits the *Evening Forum* newspaper at Hofstra University. He is also conducting research into federal legislation that affects the disabled. As representative in the Hofstra Alumni College Senate for The Higher Education of the Disabled Program, he is helping to compile accurate records of disabled Hofstra Alumni.

ROSCOE R. DANIELL reports that his address (Belpre, OH), activities (retired Rehabilitation Counselor), and family are still

the same as last year.

LINDA C. DAVISON of Bay City, MI, is presently a research logistician at Dow Chemical Company. She recently moved into a barrier free house and is busy with many activities including the MDA board and her church.

RON DUGAN is a high school teacher in Downers Grove, IL, where he lives. He is a member of a study group formed by a local hospital, to evaluate the facility and compliance with Section 504 of the 1973 Rehabilitation Act.

GARY ERVIN of Union City, CA, is an accountant at California State University. Hayward. He is still flying when time permits and teaching part time to support his flying habit.

JOHN D. EZOP lives with his wife, Rita, and their two children, Nick and Amy, in Saginaw, MI. He is senior control engineer for Saginaw Steering Gear Division of General Motors, and he enjoys gardening in his spare time.

JACK GENSKOW lives in Springfield, IL, with his wife Lillian and children Ken, and Karen. He recently became the Associate Professor of Human Development Counseling, Rehabilitation Emphasis, at Sangamon State University in Springfield.

LOWELL D. GRONINGER from Baltimore, MD, is a psychology professor currently researching memory phenomena.

JANECE BURKE HOLMES lives in South St. Paul, MN, with her husband, Allen, and their children Kenneth and Monette. Janece is a member of the Metropolitan Transit Committee for the Disabled and Elderly which is working to obtain transportation for the disabled public. She is on the Board of Directors of the St. Paul Rehabilitation Center and the South St. Paul Public Library. She is writing the history of her church and is editor of the elementary school newspaper.

BETTE JANE HENLEIN HURST of Orlando, FL, is learning to care for her two children, Mark and Robb Ann, on her own since her husband's death last spring. She is also an NPF member.

JERRY JONAK is recently retired assistant general traffic manager. He enjoys playing the guitar, pistol shooting competition and collecting military relics in his hometown of Hobart, IN.

STEPHEN and HELEN BYARD JONES attended the White House Conference on Handicapped Individuals. They like to travel with their daughters Glynnis and Siobhan, and last year spent 3 weeks touring Yellowstone and the Grand Tetons. They make their home in Palo Alto, CA, where Helen is Director of the Physically Limited Program at DeAnza College and Stephen is a staff psychologist at Palo Alto V.A. Hospital.

BARBARA GILBY KAUFMAN is a speech pathologist at the Dayton VA Center in Dayton, OH, where she lives. She has served for three years on the Executive Board of the Ohio Speech and Hearing Ass'n and is currently serving on the Executive Board of Aphasiology Ass'n of Ohio.

JOSEPH and LINDA FURNISH KOLMAN

live in Birmingham, AL with their daughter Teresa. He is system programming manager at the University of Alabama. Joe was invited to deliver a paper at a computer conference at Chicago Circle Campus and he continues to "pump iron" in his spare time.

LYNDA KOOPMAN of Houston, TX, is a senior research mathematician at Shell Development Co.

GERALD W. KORTNESS lives in Spooner, WI with his wife, Kathy, and their children Craig, Paul, and Kristen. He is an architect for Kortness and Ripley, Inc. Gerald was appointed by the governor to the Dwelling Code Council to formulate the new One and Two Family Dwelling Code for the state of Wisconsin. He is also on the Board of Directors of the Eastern Seal Society in Wisconsin and he enjoys hunting and fishing in his spare time.

KEN and ROSIE SEBASTIAN KROLL of St. Louis, MO, have two children, Clay and Beth. Ken is president of Kroll Advertising and he enjoys coaching and playing on the Gateway Gliders, a team he formed last year. Both Ken and Rosie have been active in formulating more new progressive legislation for the disabled in MO.

DONALD W. KRUMREY of Richland, WA, is a programmer/analyst for BCS Richland, Inc. He is the chairperson of the Citizens Advisory Task Force to the Benton County Public Transportation Benefit Area Authority which is developing a mass transit plan for Benton.

JERRY McDOWELL lives in Olney, IL, with his wife, Ruth Ann. He is an insurance agent for McDowell-Murvin Insurance Agency, Inc. and he enjoys hunting and fishing as a hobby.

SYLVIA DOHERTY MEEK resides in Cincinnati, OH where she is Assistant Professor in Speech Pathology at the University of Cincinnati Medical Center. Sylvia and husband Henry have had some great trips to Europe in the past few years and have enjoyed learning about new cultures and foods.

CHARLES R. "BUTCH" MILLNER is an electrical design draftsman in Springfield, IL where he resides with his wife Sherry and their children Patrick and Elizabeth.

"Butch" Millner and daughter.



EVELYN MULRY MOORE lives in Tolono, IL with her husband, Dick, and their children, Doug, Justin, and Karen. She is Supervisor of Intake and Food Stamps at Champaign County Department of Public Aid.



Evelyn Moore was named to the Wheelchair Hall of Fame at the 22nd National Wheelchair Games, Fishersville, VA, 1978.

RICHARD PIECH is a designer for International Harvester. He and his wife, Roseann, and their children, Ricky, Brian, and Jenny live in Lemont, IL. Richard's present hobbies include I.H. Sportsman Club, trap shooting, fishing and using a new CB radio to inform police of violations of "handicapped parking" spaces.

LINDA WILLIAMS PRIEST is a medical secretary for Emory University in Atlanta. She lives with her husband, Larry, and their children, Paul and Laura, in Tucker, GA. Linda recently organized "The Wheelies," the first women's wheelchair basketball team in Atlanta.

HARRY T. ROCHE and his wife, Dorothea, have three children, James, Ron and Mary Lou, and they live in Wickenburg, AZ. Harry is an electronic engineer for Sperry Flight Systems in Phoenix, AZ.

KARL G. RUSCH of Atherton, CA, was recently named assistant estimator coordinator of the Hoover Pavilion at Stanford University Medical Center in California. Karl has worked in the Department of Facilities at the medical center since 1966 previously holding the position of engineer job controller.

DAN E. SCHOENHERR is an insurance agent for Cannon-Cochran, Inc. in Danville, IL where he lives. He is also Vice-President, Secretary and Stockholder of the company. Dan was elected trustee of Blount Township in April of 1977. He is also on the Vermilion County Architectural Barriers Committee and he fishes, hunts, swims and lifts weights in his free time.

DON SHEEF of Williamsport, PA, is a circuit analyst for the Zenith Radio Corporation in Watertown, PA. He is helping to organize and hopefully expand a regional advocacy force.

GREG SHERMAN resides with his wife, Kathleen, and their children Chris and Matt, in Westminster, CA. He is an operations supervisor for the Social Security Administration in Long Beach, CA. Greg was Action Play Coordinator for the Orange County Jr. All-American Football League in the summer of 1977. He is currently a member of the EEO-

FWP Handicapped Committee for the Social Security Administration in Southern California, and on January 17, 1978, he delivered his first presentation to district managers. He will be teaching a course entitled "Successful Supervision of the Handicapped."

PAUL D. SONES is a senior engineer for the Raytheon Company in Bedford, MA. He, his wife, Sheila, and their children Bill, Sharlene, Yvonne, and Paula live in Carlisle, MA.

JUDY RIEDER SQUIRE lives in Portola Valley, CA, with her husband, David. She is Speech Pathologist/CoDirector of Speech and Learning Clinic at Crippled Children's Society in Santa Clara. Judy is becoming more active as a public speaker informing the public about "the good life" despite handicaps.

RUTH C. WEBB of Glenwood, IA is a psychologist at the Glenwood State Hospital. She is working on a project to promote communications with the profoundly retarded.

SHARON HOVEY WILKIN is an employment opportunity specialist in the Veteran and Handicapped Worker Program of ESA's Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs. She helps coordinate work of Labor Department field employees who enforce Section 503 and Section 402 of the Vietnam Era Veteran's Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974.

Section 503 requires federal contractors to take affirmative action to hire and promote the handicapped, or face loss of their contracts. Section 402 covers disabled and Vietnam era veterans.

Sharon was named one of 10 recipients of the Outstanding Handicapped Federal Employee of the Year Award, 1978.

Her husband, **JONATHON**, U of I alum, is assistant division chairman and associate professor of mathematics at Northern Virginia Community College.

They live in Vienna, VA.



Donna on the mike

DONNA MILLER BATELAAN'S recognized name and face in Ms Magazine's cover story on the International Women's Conference (IWY) in Houston this past spring, whetted the curiosity of the editors of **SIGMA SIGNS**. Batelaan responded to our request for some reflections on this great gathering.

She traveled to Houston as a delegate from the state of Florida after campaigning and being elected at the state conference with support from N.O.W. (National Organization of Women) and Women's Political Caucus, minority women. In Houston, she was part of the Disabled Women's Caucus. Donna is quadriplegic as a result of contracting poliomyelitis at age 5.

"The IWY was long and full of procedures but at times very emotional," Donna relates. Her greatest thrill was to scan the stage and see three First Ladies, and so many national figures from sports, Congress, movies, etc., speaking on behalf of women's rights.

Her summarized thoughts were that each is looking for her/his equal place in American Society as a productive human being and each must put aside her/his differences and build on human needs.

The Late 60's

PAUL ROGER AHRENS lives in New Berlin, WI with his wife Janet and their daughter Sarah. He is an electrical engineer for Wisconsin Electric Power Co. In his free time, Paul is secretary and captain of the Milwaukee Gustos Wheelchair Basketball Team.

JOSEPH ARCESE lives in Springfield, IL, with his wife Gail and their children Joel and Jennifer. He is an accountant for the Illinois Department of Revenue. Joseph is a member of the Springfield Wheelchair Athletic Association and plays on the Springfield Spoke Jockeys Wheelchair Basketball Team.

DONNA MILLER BATELAAN of Boynton Beach, FL is a liaison counselor for the Palm Beach County Schools. She was elected delegate to the International Women's Year Conference held in Houston in November, 1977. She was also a member of the Commission on

the Status of Women, Women's Political Caucus.

LARRY E. BOCKA of Mansfield, OH, is a social worker for the Rehabilitation Service of North Central Ohio, Inc. Larry was elected chairperson of the Richland-Ashtand County Committee on Employment of the Handicapped. His hobbies include electronics and developmental work with adaptive equipment for the handicapped.

WILLIAM and PAULA BRATT BOSTON live in Louisville, KY with their adopted daughter, Christina Lin. Bill is an insurance manager for Dairyman, Inc.

TOM BROWN lives with his wife, Susan, and son, Matthew, in Richmond, VA. Tom is a Therapeutic Recreation Specialist at McGuire V.A. Hospital. In his spare time he plays wheelchair basketball and he coaches wheelchair track and field.

DANIEL C. BRYANT JR. of Winnetka, IL is counselor, Kemper Insurance Companies.



Stan Labanowich, NWBA Commissioner

BARNEY R. CARGILE lives with his wife, Michele and their children Sherry and Andy in Columbia, MO. He is a Ph.D. Candidate in Accounting at the University of Missouri and this fall he will be an Assistant Professor of Accounting at the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa.

MARY JANE CERA teaches language arts to 5 and 7-year-olds at the Kino Learning Center in Tucson, AZ, where she lives.

ELLA M. COX CHAFEE is a busy housewife and mother living in Oak Lawn, IL, with her husband, Ian and their children, Kathleen and Ian.

PHYLLIS L. CLINE of Urbana, IL, is a social worker at the V.A. Hospital in Danville, IL.

NANCY COWLES COLE is a remedial reading Teacher at the Goodrich Jr. High in Lincoln, NE. Nancy is chairperson of the Mayors Committee on Opportunities for the Handicapped. She is also a member of assorted architectural barrier task forces and plays wheelchair basketball with the Lincoln Wheelie Poppers Wheelchair Basketball Team.

ALICE SMITH COLEMAN lives in Wilmington, DE, with her husband, Norwood, and their sons, Michael and Norwood, Jr. She is a Social Work Supervisor at Delaware State Hospital. Alice is a member of the Specialized Transportation Advisory Committee, Board Member of Delaware Creative Workshop, member of New Castle County Subcommittee on Removal of Physical Barriers, and a member of the Citizens Advisory Committee for United Cerebral Palsy.

THOMAS COMPTON of Berkeley, CA, is writer and editor of the "Physically Disabled Students Program Newsletter" at the University of California in Berkeley. Tom is also the author of a recently completed unsold novel.

VICKIE COVINGTON is a piano teacher at Baldwin-Wallace College in Berea, OH. On October 8, 1977, she played her first faculty piano recital at Baldwin-Wallace College.

MARILYN R. COYNER of Rock Island, IL, is Supervisor of Speech Therapy at Rock Island Public Schools. She is co-chairman of a fund-raising drive for her church and is vice-president of Rock Island Education Association.

JERUSA GONCALVES deARAUJO is a librarian and lives with her husband Luis Cesar in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

ANNE GRAVER EDWARDS of Columbia, MO, is a Geography, History and Philosophy Librarian at the University of Missouri. She is on the executive committee of the Missouri Governors Committee on the Employment of the Handicapped.

FRED and LINDA MARTINDALE FAY live in Boston, MA, with their son, Derick. Fred is Director of Research at Tufts Rehabilitation Institute. The U.S. Jaycees elected Fred as one of the "Ten Outstanding Young Men of America."

RICHARD J. FELTES is a commodity analyst and lives with his wife, Anita, in Lisle, IL. He is currently director of the crop estimation unit of Continental Grain Company, Board of Trade, Chicago.

JAMES M. FORKER of Pittsburgh, PA, is an engineer for Westinghouse Nuclear Energy Division. He is in the process of building a house and his main hobbies are reading and sports.

NANCY FREDERICK of Lowell, IN, is a reading specialist for the Hanover Community School System in Cedar Lake, IN. In January 1978, she was appointed to the Indiana State Advisory Council on the Education of the Handicapped. The council is concerned with implementing the Federal and State laws on the free and least restrictive education of all handicapped children.

NANCY BERRIE GIVENS lives in Largo, FL, with her husband, James. She is an ABE Instructor/Pinellas County Schools.

PHYLLIS S. GOREN is a social worker in Denver, CO. Phyllis is lobbying for increased State Aid to institutions serving handicapped young children and young adults.

JAMES R. HANNER lives with his wife, Beverly, in Charleston, IL, and is doing graduate work at Eastern Illinois University.

GARY W. HANSON lives in Mukwonago, WI, with his wife, Sigrid, and their children, Dennis and Marc. He is a corporate analyst for the Koehring Company.

JOHN H. HOLLIMAN, M.D., is a physician at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, Oklahoma City, OK. He is a member of the Committee on Handicapped Accessibility and Accommodations and course coordinator of Allied Health General Pathology Curriculum Faculty, International Academy of Pathologists.

LAWRENCE O. JOHNSON lives with his wife, Peg, in West Des Moines, IA, where he is a Resident Care Review Coordinator, State of Iowa, Department of Social Sciences, Title XIX Medicaid Program. He completed a Water Safety Lifesaving Course and a C.P.R. Course. He is utilizing two "Visualtek" machines, one is a maxi-viewer and one mini-viewer, for work and personal use.

TERRENCE O. JOHNSON lives in Clinton, IA, with his wife, Judi, and boys, Jon and Matthew. He is a social worker with the Child Protective Unit, IA Department of Social Services. He continues to have interest and involvement in swimming and country music.

LEONARD J. KIRK lives in St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada, with his wife, Wanda, and their sons, Len and John. Leonard is a psychologist at the Salem Christian Counseling Clinic. This part of Canada is sometimes referred to as the "Banana Belt" and winters are comparable to those of southern Illinois.

REBECCA J. MATHENY has moved to Rock Island, IL, and is a nutritionist for the Rock Island Health Department.

SAUL J. MORSE of Springfield, IL, is an attorney-at-law in private practice. He was former counsel to the Minority Leader, Illinois State Senate. He was appointed by Governor Thompson to the Advisory Screening Committee on State Board of Elections, Consultant to Legislative Insurance Laws Study Commission, Legislative Space Needs Commission, Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs, Illinois Department of Transportation, Chairperson of Illinois State Bar Association Committee on Role of Government Lawyer and Committee to Reform the Legislative Process.

ROBERT J. OCVRK resides in Bowling Green, OH.

MILES W. and NANCY PRICE O'LOUGHLIN, III are living in Austin, TX, where Miles is pursuing a J.D. & Ph.D. at University of TX. Nancy has turned an avocation into a vocation with Stretch 'N Sew, Inc. Miles continues to advance in the ranks of tournament bridge players.

RAY PARKER of Irvine, CA, is MTS with Hughes Aircraft.

KENT and LYNN OSTRANDER POTTER of Parkton, MD, have an array of animals. Kent is an architect for the Baltimore Museum of Art. He is specializing in solar and energy efficient



Joe Konitzki complimenting the cook, DAV member Charlie Johnson, Lake Springfield, 1977. Student Dave Collins in background

architecture for the Baltimore A.I.A. Accessibility Seminar. Lynn is a science teacher in Baltimore County and is active in curriculum design work. They both enjoy riding, gardening and camping in their free time.

DWIGHT W. PULSFUS is an attorney with Quale, Hartman, Bohl and Evenson law firm of Baraboo, WI. He lives in Prairie du Sac, WI, with his wife, Joy.

MARY E. RAIHOFFER resides in Valley Cottage, NY.

H. EDWARD REEVES and his wife, Beverly, of Joliet, IL, have seven children — John, Kim, Mike, Kelly, Cindy, Michelle and Melody. He is a retired Army PFC and is traveling in Latin America with the South American Crusades. Ed has been involved with the crusades in Colombia, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico and the U.S.A. since 1974. In August, 1977, he completed two trimesters of Spanish at San Jose, Costa Rica.

LYNDA STRATMAN ROBINSON lives with her husband, Dale, and their son Scott at K.I. Sawyer AFB in Michigan. She sells Tupperware and in her free time she is the leader of the Base Nursing Mothers Club (for breastfeeding mothers) and she teaches Sunday School. Lynda spends a lot of time with her young active son and the family enjoys fishing. Dale is a welder and teaches welding in his spare time.

MARILYN K. SCHMALZ of Columbus, OH, is a registered Occupational Therapist, and a master's degree candidate at Ohio State University. Studying for her classes and studying the Bible takes up most of her time. Marilyn enjoys swimming, listening to music and reading, and hopes to do some traveling and camping in the near future.

CAROLYN YASHKO SCHWEBEL was a school counselor in Minneapolis until December 1, 1977, when she moved with her husband, John, to Holmdel, NJ.

SYLVIO J. SCORZA lives in Orange City, IA, with his wife, Phyllis, and their children, John, Phil, and Chris. During the past year he directed three Iowa Chess Tournaments, played in the U.S. Chess Open and represented IA in the U.S. Chess Federation meeting in Columbus. He is professor at Northwestern College.

FLORENCE LEONARD SEXTON lives and works in Fort Meyers, FL, with her husband, Lee and their miniature poodles, "Happy" and "Honey." She is Director of the Speech and Hearing Program at Sunland Center.

CHARLES and KAY WISHART STENBERG live in Hinsdale, IL. Chuck is an associate physicist at Argonne National Laboratories. Kay is a student finishing her M.A. Kay, as a consultant, evaluated Argonne National Laboratories' affirmative action plan for the handicapped, made recommendations for implementation and started to implement these recommendations this past fall. She also conducted two seminars for the personnel divisions, wrote three articles for the lab newspaper and completed a small research project.

RICHARD J. SYGULLA is an attorney living

in Sheldon, IL, with his wife, Fran, and daughter, Cine. He is the current vice-president of the Sheldon Lions Club and a member of the Iroquois County Zoning Board of Appeals.

JAMES N. TAYLOR of Elmhurst, IL, is an Accountant for Carson, Pirie, Scott and Company. In his free time he plays basketball with the Chicago Sidewinders.

GEORGE VEENSTRA lives with his wife, Jeanne, and their two sons, Garrick and Matthew, in Springfield, IL. He is a teacher at Feitshans 7th Grade Center, Springfield. George is the current treasurer of NWBA and is a player-coach on the Springfield Spoke Jockeys.

TOM L. WEBER is an attorney living in Olney, IL, with his wife, Jean, and their daughter, Rita. Currently, Tom is president of Olney Rotary Club and Richland Community Concern Association. He also holds offices and is an active member in various other organizations.

MELVIN LEE WYNS, supervisory accountant for NJ State Department of Education, resides in Levittown, PA, with his wife, **KATHLEEN PRIDDY**, and their daughters, Lisa and Jennifer.

CONRAD HENRY ZIERDT of Auburn, AL, is a Counselor, Lee County Head Start. In addition to working with preschool age children with disabilities, he is involved in a community effort to create a program for adults with serious disabilities. Conrad is also taking some coursework in education at Auburn University.

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RANDOLPH W. AXT is a lifetime member of the U of I Alumni Association and continues to be active in many civic and professional groups in Superior, WI. He was a delegate to the 1976 Wisconsin Governor's Conference on Handicapped Individuals and an alternate delegate from WI to the 1977 White House Conference on Handicapped Individuals.

CAROL ANN BALCOM lives and works as a social security disability examiner in Concord, NH. She is membership chairperson with Concord AAUW Branch and is planning a trip to CA.

LOIS KATHRYN BENNIN resides in Champaign and she is the head instructor of the Champaign County OIC Program. In her free time, Lois teaches two children in the SPEC program, which is religious education for retarded children.

DONNA C. STAPEL BODDY is EEP Coordinator for Danly Machine Corp. and is married to Mike Boddy. They recently built a new home in Orland Park, IL.

MICHAEL S. BODDY is an industrial sales representative for BASF Wyandotte Corp. Mike and Donna were co-hosts for the DSO Awards Banquet held Oct. 22, 1977.

RICHARD E. BOPP lives in Champaign with his wife, Susan, and daughter, Laura, age 5, and son, David, age 3. He is Assistant Reference Librarian, University of Illinois, Urbana Library.

MAUREEN CLARK graduated with a degree in Recreation and Parks but is employed as a computer programmer for Western Electric at Bell Telephone Labs in Naperville, IL. She is raising a Samoyed dog and being active in St. Raphael's parish council and National Easter Seal Society.

WAYNE DAVIS is Managing Editor of the Mercer County Messenger newspaper. He lives and works in Trenton, NJ.

DORIS RITA DESROSIERS is a social worker/advocate with United Cerebral Palsy, Champaign. She is working for accessible housing and transportation for her clients with Cerebral Palsy.

TIM FLANNIGAN is an independent Video Tape Producer. He was elected vice-president of the newly formed National Capitol Area Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities; and as Public Relations Chairman produced a news feature aired on WTOP-TV, Washington, DC.

MAXINE FOLLSTAD is a social worker in Eau Claire, WI, and raises exotic Finches and likes creative writing.

DEBBIE GERSTENBERGER lives in Springfield, IL, and she is a clerk for Illinois Department of Public Aid. Besides working, Debbie is secretary-treasurer of Access Springfield and Public Relations Officer of CO-HELP, a community organization to help enhance the living potential for the disabled.

JOHN HUFFMAN resides with his wife, Edythe, in Salisbury, NC. He is Personnel Management Specialist at the V.A. Hospital in Salisbury.

JAMES S. JEFFERS is Director of Illinois D.V.R. and lives with his wife, Xelee, and daughter, Leslie, in Springfield, IL.

CARL JUDSON LAUNUIS, JR. of Corning, AR, is working toward a Master of Fine Arts degree from the University of AR in August. Carl received AR's John Gould Fletcher Award for literature. He is also a member of Roger's Recreation Center Writers' Advisory Board and a Cheerleader for the writing program's softball team.

REGINA L. LINK is a geologist at Geology Associates and lives with her husband, Bruce, and their two children, Hamilton and Madison, in Albuquerque, NM.

CHARLES LINSTER resides in Chicago with his wife, Doris, and is a rehabilitation services assistant for H.E.W. During the past year, he



After the banquet L-R: Mike Boddy, Jack and Jan Whitman, Jack's father, Harold Whitman. In background Marge and Bob Kaloupek

received the 1977 H.E.W. Region V Outstanding Handicapped Employee and Affirmative Action Awards. Charles is also Chairman of Chicago Federal Executive Board's Subcommittee on Employment of the Handicapped.

SUSAN M. LoTEMPIO of Youngstown, NY, is Lifestyle Editor of the *Niagara Gazette*.

ROBERT M. MAC GREGOR, JR., and his wife Sheila, live in Hartford, CT. Robert is a programmer analyst for the Hartford Insurance Group. During the summer of 1976 Robert and his wife toured the West by bus.

PENELOPE MAIN is pursuing a masters degree in Occupational Therapy from the University of Southern CA. She plans to take a three week vacation in September to Japan before job hunting. Penelope also attended the AOTA Conference in San Juan this past October.

CHARLES MC TAGGART of Watseka, IL, is an Office Manager and Grain Merchandiser for Maritimen Grain Company. Chuck is learning to play the guitar and he enjoys spending summer weekends at his cabin.

BARBARA J. MENDIUS left Champaign-Urbana for Vancouver, WA. She received her Masters in Biology in 1977. In April, she served on a panel for science careers for handicapped students, sponsored by the National Science Foundation.

KATHY J. MILLER of Heath, OH, is a private learning disabilities tutor. She is currently working with a local pastor to organize a Christian school in Newark, OH, where she hopes to be teaching English and Spanish this fall.

HOLLY NICKESON MIRELL resides with her husband, Philip, in Milwaukee, WI. She is an English teacher in Germantown, WI. Holly is a member of the committee to make Marquette University accessible and she is involved in fund-raising for the Public Television Station.

ELIZABETH ANN MOORE of Athens, GA, is a graduate student in Psychology at the University of Georgia.

RICHARD B. NOLAN, JR., and his wife, Patricia, live in Mesa, AZ. He is a medical social worker for Maricopa County Hospital and he is active in wheelchair basketball. A broken ankle kept him out the last quarter of the season.

LAURA OFTEDAHL is an inside sales coordinator for Expando-Foam, Inc., in Antioch, IL, where she lives.

RUSSELL PALESE is living in Downers Grove, IL.

SUSAN M. PIERCE is an Acquisitions Librarian for the U of WI, Milwaukee, where she lives. She is active in United Cerebral Palsy of Southeastern WI and she has participated in several activities dealing with rights for the disabled.

EUGENE E. PLANTE lives with his wife, Thora Ann, and son, Edward, in Loda, IL. Eugene is an instructor-supervisor of the Automotive Mechanic Branch at Chanute Air Force Base in Rantoul, IL. He recently received his masters in Guidance and Counseling and is completing his Ph.D. in Psychology. Eugene also works as a part-time community counselor in Paxton, IL, and is moderator and elder of

THE HEIGHT OF MY HIGH

*i looked down
at her
perched
in that chromium
bird cage
hands resting
on the thin
rubber tires
legs
stacked
in front of her
a bent canary
but singing
brightly*

*you don't know
what happiness is
she sang
until you see
a paraplegic
rolling off
to her first
day of work*

*the height
of my high
is directly
proportionate
to the depth
of my low
and then
lightly
over her shoulder
wheeling away*

*lucky
lucky me*

*and what is heavy
about all this
is*

she really meant it

rick masten

Paxton Federated Church.

KIM and SHIRLEY CORDOVA POLLOCK and son, Jeff, live in Cincinnati, OH. Kim is Manager of clinical data processing for Proctor and Gamble Company. Both Kim and Shirley are busy building and furnishing their dream house and they enjoy playing bridge in their spare time.

MICHAEL D. POLLACK and his wife, Susan, live in Richardson, TX, where he is project engineer for the architecture products division of Howmet Aluminum Corporation. Michael and Susan recently bought their own home and now have a large vegetable garden and green house.

Buffy sent us this poem she inspired, by R. Masten



"**BUFFY**" **FETTER**, Coordinator of Services for Handicapped Students at Eastfield College, Dallas, TX, was named one of the Ten Outstanding Young Women of America of the Year for 1977. Fetter had been previously named Texas Woman of the Year by the Ten Outstanding Young Women Organization. This program is sponsored by a number of national women's organizations. It recognizes young women between the ages of 21 and 36 for outstanding civic and professional accomplishments. She was selected because of her positive outlook toward living. Senator Lloyd Benson, TX, once described Fetter as one of the most convincing and eloquent advocates for the right of the handicapped he has met.

A delegate to the White House Conference on Handicapped Individuals, Fetter also serves on the Board of American Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities. She is active with the Professional Rehabilitation Workers with Adult Deaf, the American Personnel and Guidance Assn., the National Rehabilitation Assn., The National Association of Deaf, The National Paraplegic Assn., the Junior College Student Personnel Assn. and the Texas Society of Interpreters for the Deaf.

Elizabeth Ann "Buffy" Fetter was injured in a fall from a tree at a tennis camp where she was teaching tennis, and since then, her senior year in high school, she has been paraplegic. She attended undergraduate school at Eastern Bible College in St. Davids, PA, and received her masters in counseling from the U of I. She worked with deaf students at California State University at Northridge for three years. She then spent a fourth year working on a second master's degree there, participating in a program for future educational administrators.

For the past three years she has been at Eastfield College where she directs a number of special services for about 150 students with various handicaps. And enjoying every minute of it. "Yes," she concluded, "I suppose I'm just a people-oriented person."

JEFF SIDERS of Lodi, OH, is a Life Insurance Underwriter.

DAVID STANGER and his wife, Regina, live in Bellwood, IL. He is a credit analyst for Amphenol North American Division and he is a member of the Chicago Sidewinders wheelchair basketball team.

ROBERT J. STASIEK of Des Plaines, IL, is an architectural engineer for the Federal Aviation Administration.

ROD VIEGER of Des Moines, IA, is a professional engineer for the Iowa Department of Environmental Quality. He was a member of the U.S. Wheelchair Team that went to England in 1977.

JERRY VOIGT of Lander, WY, is an architectural draftsman for Dehnert-Richardson-Bensman Architectural Firm in Lander.

TOM VOLPE of Erie, PA, is a photographer in residence at the Martin Luther King Center. He teaches photography at the MLK Center and is presently working with three other photographers on a federally funded project to photographically document Erie's ethnic communities. The project will be published upon completion. Tom also has two shows coming, one in May, the other in June.

WILLIAM WELSH is a vocational rehabilitation counselor at Maryland Rehabilitation Center in Baltimore, MD, where he lives. He is Chairman of the Architecture Committee for Baltimore Citizens for Housing for the Disabled and lectures to nurses in the Rehabilitation Nursing in-service on the topic of psychosocial aspects of adjustment to disability.

MARY "FOOTE" WOLFE of Bourbonnais, IL, is a math teacher at St. George's Grade School. She is treasurer of a local education sorority, girl's volleyball coach, and student council advisor at St. George's. Mary also enjoys swimming and singing and she has started taking guitar lessons.

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SUE ALDAG, a recent graduate, is a claims examiner with the Federal Disability Program in Springfield, IL, where she lives.

LYNN E. BOYLE of Terre Haute, IN, was a tax consultant for H & H Block. She recently began working towards her masters degree in Oc-

cupational Therapy at Western MI University, Kalamazoo.

ASHISH PAL CHOUDRY is a Structural Engineer in Lakewood, CO.

KATHY CUMMINGS of Dewey, IL, is a student at Danville Jr. College. She is working in the Friendly Flowershop as part of her floriculture education.

SHADY S. DABIT is a first year law student at the University of OK and is resident advisor on his dorm floor.

THOMAS CONRAD EHLEBRACHT of Homewood, IL, passed the CPA Exam and is a special staff accountant for Prudential Insurance Company of America. He coaches a John Sullivan Baseball League for boys 19 years and older in his free time.

STEPHEN A. JENSEN is a research analyst for F.S. Services, Inc., in Bloomington, IL, where he lives.

JOHN O'NEILL, a recent graduate, lives in Tucson, AZ.

RANDY SEGNER of Jonesboro, GA, is a Therapeutic Recreation Assistant for Clayton County Parks and Recreation Department. Randy is working with GA Wheelchair Sports and Recreation Association promoting wheelchair sports in GA, and he enjoys playing Backgammon.

DIANE COLEMAN YESTER and her husband, Michael, live in Los Angeles, CA. She is a law student at UCLA. She practices Transcendental Meditation.

IN MEMORY OF A FRIEND

By Rick Thorpe

During her years at the University of Illinois, Patti Bell and I crossed paths many times. Her major was Journalism and she contributed much to the "Spokesman" and SIGMA SIGNS. She was a Gizz Kids cheerleader for three years and was quite an experienced square dance caller for exhibitions. Patti also helped with Awards Banquets and other DSO activities.

Patti and I got to know each other well, not in Illinois but in Southern France, when we were selected for a special study-abroad program by Professor Nugent. With her background in the French language, Patti was able to assist us during the first weeks of communication with the public.

Patti Bell will be missed by everyone who knew and loved her.

Nearly twenty people left Champaign-Urbana on Sunday, September 11, 1977 for Patti Bell's funeral at Mt. Denson Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Tennessee.

The memorial service was given by the minister who had received Patti into the church at age eight. After a brief graveside service, the Illinois group said good-bye to the Bell family. The trip was a sad journey but a proper farewell to a dear person and friend - Patti Bell.

IN MEMORIAM

PATTI BELL died Sept. 9, 1977, in Carle Hospital, Urbana, IL, from systemic failure secondary to unknown causes attributed to birth anomalies. She was living in FAR and expected to receive her degree in Journalism at the end of the Fall Semester, 1977.

JOHN COURTRIGHT'S death was reported. He died of pneumonia in 1974 at his home in Spokane, WA.

THOMAS WALTERS' death was reported by his mother in Poland Mines, PA. Tom was on campus for three years, 1962-65, and lived at Tanbrier as part of the original group. He died on January 23, 1974.

BONNIE McMANUS entered the U of I in the Fall of 1952 and was an active participant of that pioneering group. She received her B.S. in 1958 in Biology and continued as a graduate student with an assistantship in bacteriology, receiving a M.S. in 1961. She was an instructor at Mercy Hospital, Urbana, in physiology. Bonnie and her parents have given continued support to the Rehabilitation-Education Program. Her death was caused by kidney failure on July 16, 1977.

WILLIAM SIMMONS graduated with a baccalaureate degree in psychology in 1964. Bill was on the Illinois Gizz Kids Wheelchair Basketball Team for 4 years, 1961 through 1964, as a Class I player and was elected captain of the varsity one of those years. He was employed at Cole-Parmer Instrument Co. for over ten years and was promoted to Vice President shortly before his death. He was a member of the Chicago Sidewinders Athletic Club. He died September 21, 1977, from a cerebral hemorrhage at Palos Heights, IL.

HARVEY SCHLY - received his B.S. degree in Social Welfare, June 1973, and his M.S.W., February 1975. Until the time of his death, at age 29, from cardiac respiratory failure on April 26, 1978, he was a social worker at Danville V.A. Hospital, Danville, IL.

MARY LOUISE MYHR KHARE'S death has been reported but cause and date are unknown.

HONORARY LIFETIME MEMBER DIES:

Paul L. Smoot, 75 of Catlin, IL, a long-time leader in vocational and developmental training in Illinois, died May 5, 1978. Mr. Smoot was the father of alumni Ron Smoot who preceded him in death, July 1964.

Paul Smoot was awarded an honorary lifetime membership in Delta Sigma Omicron Rehabilitation Fraternity in 1954 and served on the Board of Directors for many years.

When he retired in 1965 after serving for several years as statewide chief supervisor of federal manpower development and training for Illinois, he was accorded a state citation "for patient understanding under stress and for dynamic leadership."

(Below) Pal working out in P.T. last year



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That chair was a first. Constructed from tubular steel and a hammock-type fabric seat and back, it freed Mr. Everest from the restrictions of the heavy wooden wheelchair of that period. The chair attracted attention wherever it was seen. Soon Everest & Jennings were making custom wheelchairs, each designed for the personal needs of a customer.

As orders multiplied, it became clear that certain models were in enough demand that their dimensions and features could be standardized so they could be sold at lower cost. Without sacrificing the personal pride of Mr. Everest and Mr. Jennings, the company grew rapidly and became the country's largest manufacturer of wheelchairs.

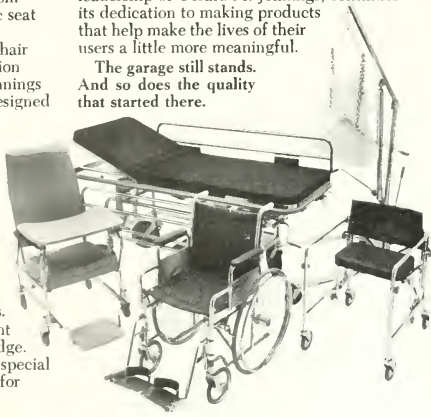
Now we're more than just wheelchairs.

The long years of personal involvement gave Everest & Jennings unique knowledge. Knowledge of the special needs of their special customers. With this, it was only natural for

the company to add new products to meet these needs.

Today Everest & Jennings markets a broad line of medical equipment and supplies. Hospital stretchers, aspirators, walkers, patient lifters, and crutches. All are built with the same special care and attention that went into that first wheelchair. Both of the founders are gone. But Everest & Jennings today, under the leadership of Gerald M. Jennings, continues its dedication to making products that help make the lives of their users a little more meaningful.

The garage still stands. And so does the quality that started there.



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